TOWN OF DEERFIELD TRAIL INVENTORY AND PLAN







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PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

The Deerfield Planning Board and Neatline Associates received a grant from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee to conduct an inventory of trails in the town of Deerfield and develop a plan for the town's existing and future trails. One purpose of the project is to examine current public access to the Lamprey River, and promote public access to, use of, and understanding of the river.

To identify the existing trails in town, we compiled in a geographic information system (GIS) the trails maps originally published by the Conservation Commission; maps of Class VI roads; and power line rights of way. We also met with a group of interested residents whose knowledge of local resources helped identify other trails, Class VI roads, and usage areas that had not been previously identified. Finally, we and volunteers collected new information about some of these trails with GPS. We also conducted an online survey to gather information about residents' usage of trails (or lack thereof), and their needs and wishes for the trail system.

We compiled the results of the inventory, public input from interested residents and the online survey, and related planning efforts, in order to develop a set of recommendations for the town. These recommendations address ways to enhance public knowledge of the trails, maximize public use of the trails, and improve trail maintenance. Additionally, we have identified areas that would be likely places for new trails to provide connections to community places of interest and access to natural features such as the Lamprey River.

NEED

The Deerfield Planning Board has hoped to examine the status and role of trails in town for some time now. In 2004, a warrant article approved at town meeting established a Class VI Roads Committee to evaluate the town's Class VI roads and develop a policy to govern their use and potential for adoption or abandonment. While it was clear that a number of trails existed in town and that residents used them for a variety of purposes, there had not been a comprehensive and systematic inventory of the trail system, or an effort to plan for its future.

Like the rest of southeastern New Hampshire, Deerfield has experienced double digit population growth for decades. From 1990 to 2000, the population grew from 3,125 to 3,678 (an increase of 17.7%). By 2008, the population had grown an additional 13.5%, to 4,201. Increased traffic on all of the main roads through town, including NH Routes 43 and 107 as well as Church Street, Ridge Road, Middle Road, South Road, and Nottingham Road, has made walking and biking on those roads more dangerous. An improved trail system could potentially provide safer walking and biking (whether for recreation or travel), foster community involvement, enhance physical fitness/wellness of youth and adults, enhance knowledge of natural resources (including the Lamprey River) in town, and promote stewardship of our natural areas and public lands.

GEOGRAPHY

By area, Deerfield is the largest town in Rockingham County (52 mi²). Despite the population growth of the last 40 years, Deerfield remains relatively rural. It is bracketed by two major state parks that are among the largest remaining unfragmented areas in southeastern New Hampshire: Pawtuckaway State Park to the east (about 5,500 acres) and Bear Brook State Park to the west (nearly 10,000 acres), both of which have most of their acreage in neighboring towns. Additionally, a group of contiguous open space parcels totaling over 1,700 acres, collectively managed by the Northwood Area Land Management Collaborative (NALMC), lies just on and across the northern border of town. Each of these three large neighboring conservation areas contains a network of trails. Deerfield also belongs to the seventown Bear-Paw Regional Greenway, which works to expand conservation lands and public access in the region.

There are several prominent natural features in town. The Lamprey River is a third and fourth order stream as it runs through the town from its headwaters in Northwood Meadows State Park (part of the NALMC lands) south to the Raymond border. A dam near the northern junction of Routes 43 & 107 briefly impounds the river, forming the 80 acre Freese's Pond. The North Branch River, one of the Lamprey's major tributaries, is a second order stream as it crosses the southwestern portion of town, from its headwaters at Beaver Pond in Bear Brook State Park southeast to the Candia border.

Higher elevation areas include Nottingham Mountain (in the Olsen/Villnave conservation property), Adams Hill (in the Melinda Geddes conservation easement), Wheeler Hill (in the Curry conservation easement), as well as Meetinghouse Hill, Mount Delight, and Leavitt's Hill (not in conservation lands). Mount Pawtuckaway lies just east of town in Pawtuckaway State Park, and Saddleback Mountain lies just north of town, in the NALMC lands.

At least 64 parcels are currently recorded as conservation lands, with a total size of over 6,000 acres, representing nearly 20% of the total area of town. Most of these properties contain trails open to the public. Two exceptions are the Shores-Fogg easement, to which access is restricted, and the Stillbach easement, to which access is not allowed. The state of New Hampshire, through the Department of Fish & Game and the Department of Resources and Economic Development, is the largest protecting agency, with nearly 3,200 acres; the town itself protects nearly 1,800 acres. Please see Table 1 summarizing conservation parcels, ownership, and access.

Map 1 provides an overview of the geography of Deerfield, and its water bodies, conservation lands, and roads. Of particular note for understanding and evaluating the towns' trails, it also displays the Class VI roads, PSNH transmission lines, and community destinations (such as parks and schools). The map's background is a gradient representing population density, from a low of 0 to a high of 292 people per square mile.

PUBLIC INPUT

- 1. PUBLIC MEETINGS. A public meeting was held to discuss the potential of creating an entity such as a "Deerfield Trails Club" that could continue to highlight existing trails, pull together interested groups (such as scouts, 4H, horseback riders, snowmobile riders, etc.), and become involved in the maintenance of the trail system.
- 2. SURVEY. A web-based survey was developed and advertised in *The Forum*, the town website, and through word of mouth and direct email to town committee members. It received 112 responses. Respondents showed a range of interests in trail usage, including snowmobiling, ATV, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and walking. Fewer respondents were interested in identifying or developing safe walking routes to schools. Please see the full results of the survey in Appendix A.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING TRAILS

Most of Deerfield's mapped trails run through the town's more than 6,000 acres of permanently protected land (Map 1). Many of these properties explicitly allow public access; others (especially those that are conservation easements on private property) allow public access at the landowner's discretion. Some explicitly allow foot traffic, but allow the landowner to post against vehicle traffic. Appendix B summarizes the ownership and access information for these properties.

Ten years ago, the town conservation commission published a pamphlet of trail maps and descriptions of thirteen conservation properties (nine of which are grouped together as part the Great Brook conservation lands between Harvey Road and Coffeetown Road). For this project, we geo-referenced those paper maps and digitized the hand-drawn trails on them. We also used a handheld GPS (Delorme PN40) to collect new data for these trails. In most cases, the data collected by GPS was used when developing individual property trail maps.

Currently the Deerfield Conservation Commission takes the lead on most management and maintenance efforts for trails on town-owned or town-protected land, though the Board of Selectmen also has authority over these lands. In the past, some trails on these lands have been designed and built as scout projects, but maintenance has fallen to landowners and individuals associated with the conservation commission.

Public Service New Hampshire (PSNH) owns or holds easements for several transmission lines through town. With a total length of about 20 miles, these transmission line rights-of-way are continuous linear features that could be key elements of a unified town-wide trail system. Approximately 8 miles of the transmission line are owned by the utility, while the remaining 12 miles are on easements on private land. The utility-owned portion also serves as a snowmobile trail during the winter months (NH Corridor 17 in the state-wide trail system). PSNH informed us that they would be happy to work with the town on various potential uses for these lands they own. They have created policies previously that they would draw from to develop a policy for their lands in Deerfield.

Deerfield contains many miles of Class VI roads – town-owned, unmaintained roads that are subject to gates and bars. About 10.3 miles of Class VI road are recorded in the state Department of Transportation's road inventory. Volunteers who attended the public meeting held in the fall of 2010 (convened as a result of this project) identified an additional 3-4 miles of Class VI road. Table 1 (below) summarizes the length and condition of these unmaintained roads.

Table 1. Summary of Class VI Roads

Name	Length	Uses	Other Comments
	(miles)		
Adams Hill Rd	0.93		
Allenstown Rd	0.34	Car, bike, horse, foot	In Bear Brook State Park
Blakes Hill Rd	0.93	Car, bike, horse, foot	Very passable; does not need any major work.
Brown Rd	0.25		In conservation in Stillbach easement.
Candia Rd	0.94	4x4, bike, horse, foot	Upper portion has been improved. Very steep; wet in spring.
Cilley Rd	0.15	Not Usable	Used to be known as County Rd. Cut off by large swamp.
Dow Rd	0.13		No longer a Class VI road.
Freese Pond Rd	0.30	Car, bike, horse, foot	
Island Rd	0.31	Bike, horse, foot	Semi-barrier. Everything but cars OK.
Lang Road	0.45	Bike, foot	Very bad bridge; if culver repaired, could be more usable.
Mountain Rd	0.80	Bike, horse, foot	Connects all the way to Mountain Rd Ext.
Perkins Rd	0.51	Car, bike, horse, foot	Passable through to Blakes Hill Rd.
Perry Rd	0.47	4x4, bike, horse, foot	Passable through water.
Ridge Rd	1.91	Car (partial), bike, horse, foot	Continues to Thurston Pond to Middle Rd. Goes over dam.
Ritchie Rd	0.34		
Swett Rd	0.35		
Tandy Rd	0.91	Car, bike, horse, foot	Fairly good condition; goes into Pawtuckaway
Unknown - Gilman			
Rd?	0.78		
Unknown - off			
South Rd.	0.42		
Woodman Rd	1.02	4x4, bike, horse, foot	Goes into marsh and all the way to Rte 43.
Other Class VI (or p	ossible C	lass VI) Roads (Not from DOT)	
Peter Moore Rd	1.32	, ((2.0.)	From South Rd. to Currier Rd. in Candia.
Thurston Pond Rd	0.64	Bike, horse, foot	
Tinpot Rd	0.74	Bike, horse, foot	
Unknown - b/w Mt.		,,	
Delight & Whittier	1.83		

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF EXISTING TRAILS ON TOWN-OWNED/MANAGED PROPERTY

New maps were prepared for the five existing trail systems on town-owned/managed property: the Great Brook Trail, Dowst-Cate Town Forest, Lindsay Flanders Conservation Area, Freese's Pond, and Arthur Chase Town Forest. These maps will be available for download in PDF format from the town's website. Additionally, Google maps of each of these properties and trails will also be available. Separate maps were also created depicting the results of each trail's inspection, identifying maintenance needs and photopoint locations. Appendix C contains the photographs that are referenced in the inventory maps.

1. GREAT BROOK TRAIL (MAP 2)

The Great Brook Trail is approximately 2 miles longs and runs from Harvey Road to Coffeetown Road across seven different privately-owned properties. The town holds conservation easements on each of these properties. The easements allow for public access by foot, not by motor vehicle. The trail is appropriate for hiking and nature study, not for biking, ATV, or hunting.

Condition: The trailhead at each end of the trail is marked with a sign and kiosk. One car can park nose-in at each trailhead, and a few cars more cars can park along the shoulder of the roads. The trail itself is generally well-marked and easy to follow. Some side trails, however, are indistinct and need to be re-blazed. A side trail

to The Knob and Silver Wood is labeled at its intersection and marked part of the way with stone cairns, but eventually becomes indistinct. Side trails to vernal pools and Twin Rocks are very difficult to follow. Based on town parcel records, a side trail to a scenic overlook appears to leave the protected properties, but does not have a sign indicating that public access is not allowed. The landowner may wish to clarify their wishes regarding public access to this point.

The biggest maintenance issues along the Great Brook Trail are the safety of the stream crossings. The trail crosses Great Brook several times, and at times of high water this can be quite difficult. Two of the crossings have log bridges that are in serious need of repair, removal, or replacement. All other crossings have no bridge at all, and require fording the brook. Please see the Great Brook trail inventory map for maintenance needs and photo locations (Map 3).

2. DOWST-CATE TOWN FOREST (MAP 4)

The Dowst-Cate Town Forest contains an approximately 1 ½ mile long trail loop. Because of its relatively short length, easy access, and gentle topography, this is an ideal trail for people for people who need or want a less vigorous hike. The property is owned by the town and is appropriate for hiking and nature study, but not for ATV use. (A copy of the property's deed was not available at the time of this writing, so it is unclear whether usage limitations are established in the deed.) A town forest sign marks the trailhead, and a parking area is available for two to three cars.

Condition: The trail itself is generally well-marked and easy to follow. However, at one point where it crosses a wetland, it is very easy to lose the trail. This area should be re-blazed, and possibly have a boardwalk to make it easier to cross the wetland. A small footbridge near the southeastern edge of the trail is in disrepair and should be repaired or removed. Please see the Dowst-Cate Town Forest trail inventory map for maintenance needs and photo locations (Map 5).

3. LINDSAY FLANDERS CONSERVATION AREA (MAP 6)

The Lindsay-Flanders Conservation Area is located directly behind Bicentennial Field. A simple trail, about two-thirds of a mile long (one way) runs down one edge of the property, from the ball field to Nicholls Brook. Ample parking is available at the ball field.

Condition: The trail is in very good condition, with no pressing maintenance issues. While the property extends all the way to Cole Road, during times of high water crossing Nicholls Brook is difficult. In order to use the portion south of Nicholls Brook, a footbridge would be needed. Because of the property's location in the center of town, building a footbridge could contribute to the development of a larger trail loop. (See Map 11, Potential Future Trails.)

4. Freese's Pond Trails (Map 7)

A well-maintained network of trails is located directly behind the Deerfield Community School and along the edge of Freese's Pond. The main trail loop is approximately three-quarters of a mile long, and is accessed from the far end of the playground behind the school. The trail is used by school children throughout the school year for nature study, physical education (hiking and snow-shoeing), and cross-country running.

Condition: The trails are in very good condition, with no pressing maintenance issues. A newer footbridge in very good condition is located just beyond the school's playground area. Some small shelter-like structures have been built out of sticks along the trail, and a fire ring is located in a clearing at the northeastern portion of the trail. Several signs have been posted near the Freese's Pond shoreline reminding users that wheeled vehicals are prohibited. Please see the Freese's Pond trail inventory map for photo locations (Map 8).

5. ARTHUR CHASE TOWN FOREST (MAP 9)

The Arthur Chase Town Forest contains an approximately 1.25 mile long trail loop. Parking is available for few cars at the corner where Ridge Road meets Range Road, though the trail itself begins a quarter mile down the Class VI portion of Ridge Road (bringing the total walking distance to about 1.75 miles).

Condition: There are no signs at the parking pull-off on Range Road that would inform people of the presence of the Town Forest or its trails. The trailhead—where the trail departs from Ridge Road—is very indistinct and needs a new sign. The trail is narrow and the vegetation along it is in need of pruning to widen the trail. Stream crossings further along the trail can be difficult in times of high water. Additionally, several steep sections of trail present potential erosion problems. Please see the Arthur Chase trail inventory map for maintenance needs and photo locations (Map 10).

6. PEG KING PARK

The Peg King Park contains a very short (< a quarter mile) trail that leads from the parking area on Ridge Road to Nicholls Brook. There is a picnic table next to the brook, and a footbridge crossing the brook was recently built as an Eagle Scout project. At this time, the trail does not continue beyond the bridge. However, with the permission of landowners, new trails could extend to a large beaver meadow on private land or all the way to the playground and gazebo field behind the town hall (Map 11).

Condition: The parking area, short trail to the brook, and new bridge are all in very good condition. The trail is not blazed, but it is short enough and its path clear enough not to require it.

7. BROWER PROPERTY, CATE, CLARK, CURRY, DEVRIES, DOANE/SCHORR EASEMENT, FREESE TOWN FOREST, FOWLER CONSERVATION AREAS, HART TOWN FOREST, KATHARYN WILLIAMS EASEMENT, LEVESQUE LOT, MCNEIL CONSERVATION AREA TOWN FOREST, O'NEAL LOT, WEISS TOWN FOREST, WELLS TOWN FOREST, YEATON LOT

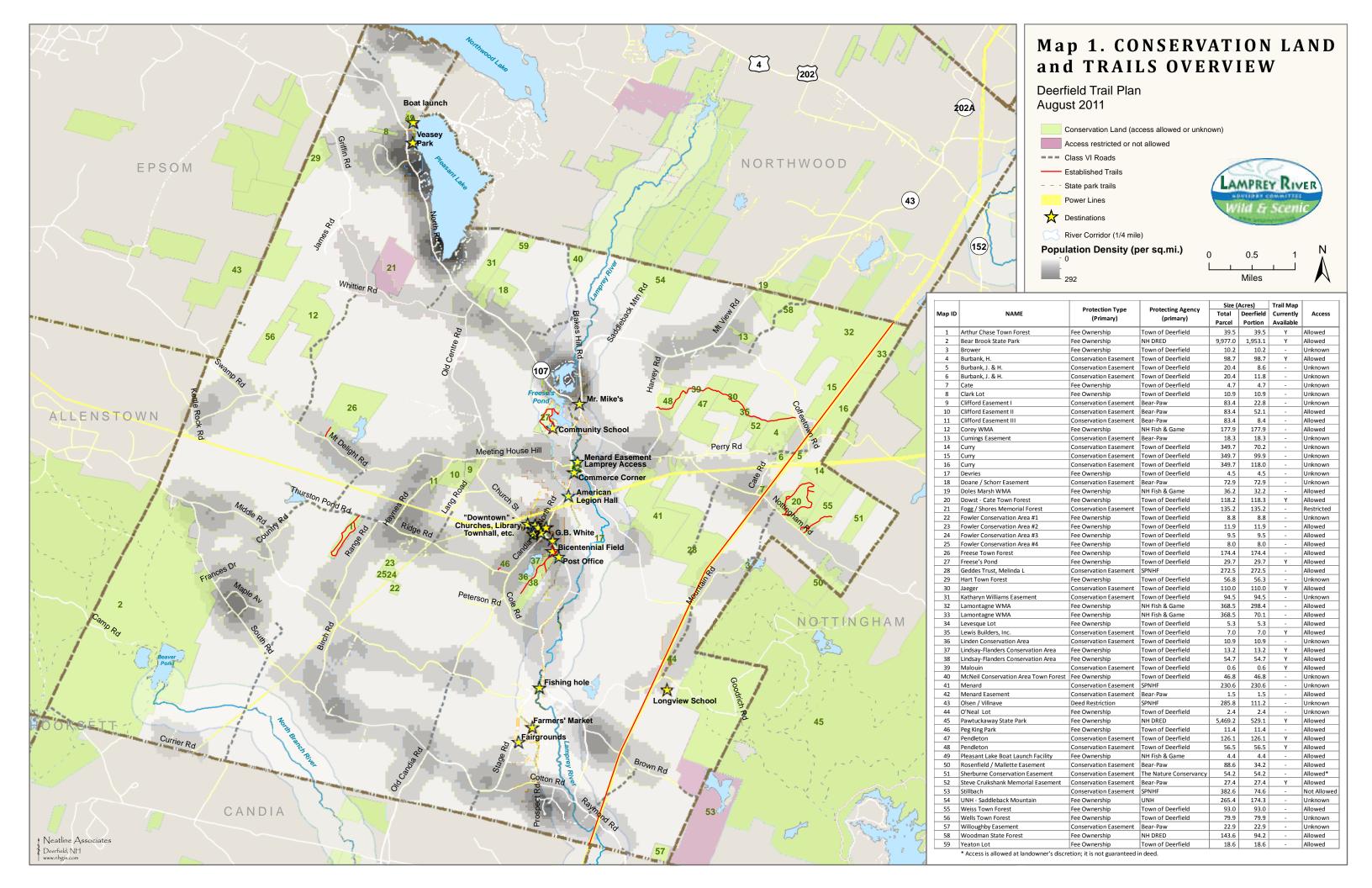
No formal trails have yet been constructed at these town-owned or town-protected properties.

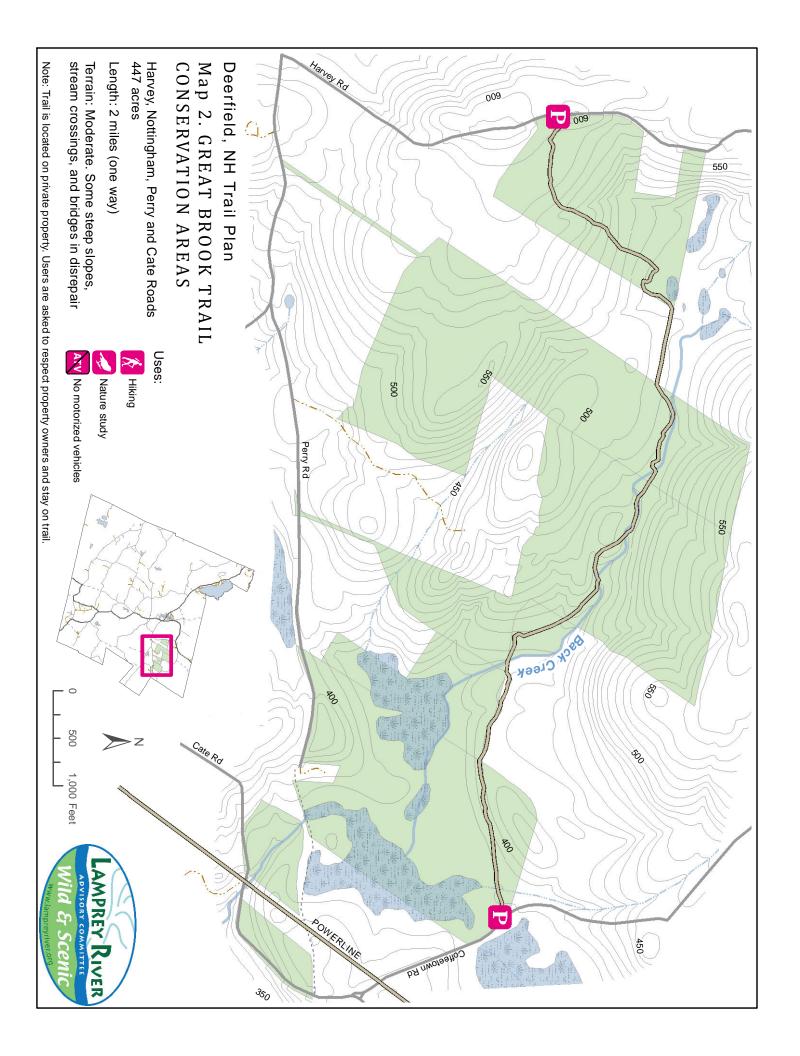
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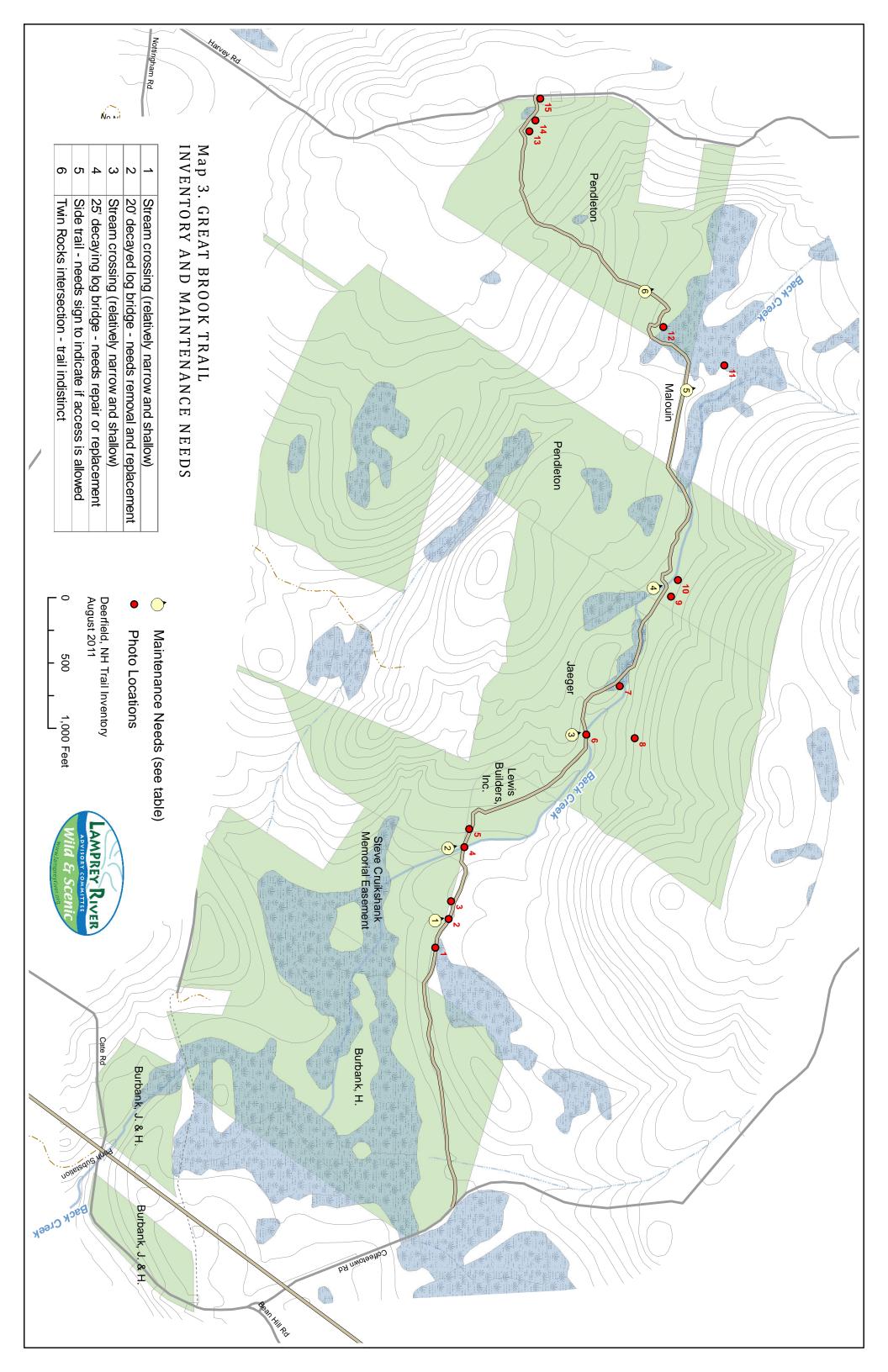
- GET THE WORD OUT: Maps and descriptions of existing trails need to be more readily available to the public. There is a clear interest in using the trails, but not enough knowledge of where existing trails are located. One suggested solution for this is through a stronger presence on the Town's web site, and increased availability of printed maps at town functions. Another is to make the trail maps available for download from the town website as PDFs, and possibly also as GPS-ready tracks and KMZ (Google Earth) files.
- CREATE A "TRAILS CLUB": There is a need for the formation of a group to coordinate management of the town's trails, maintain good relations with private land owners who have trails existing on their property, and conduct maintenance of existing trails. Local groups such as the Boy Scouts, Northwood Crank Pullers, and equestrian trail

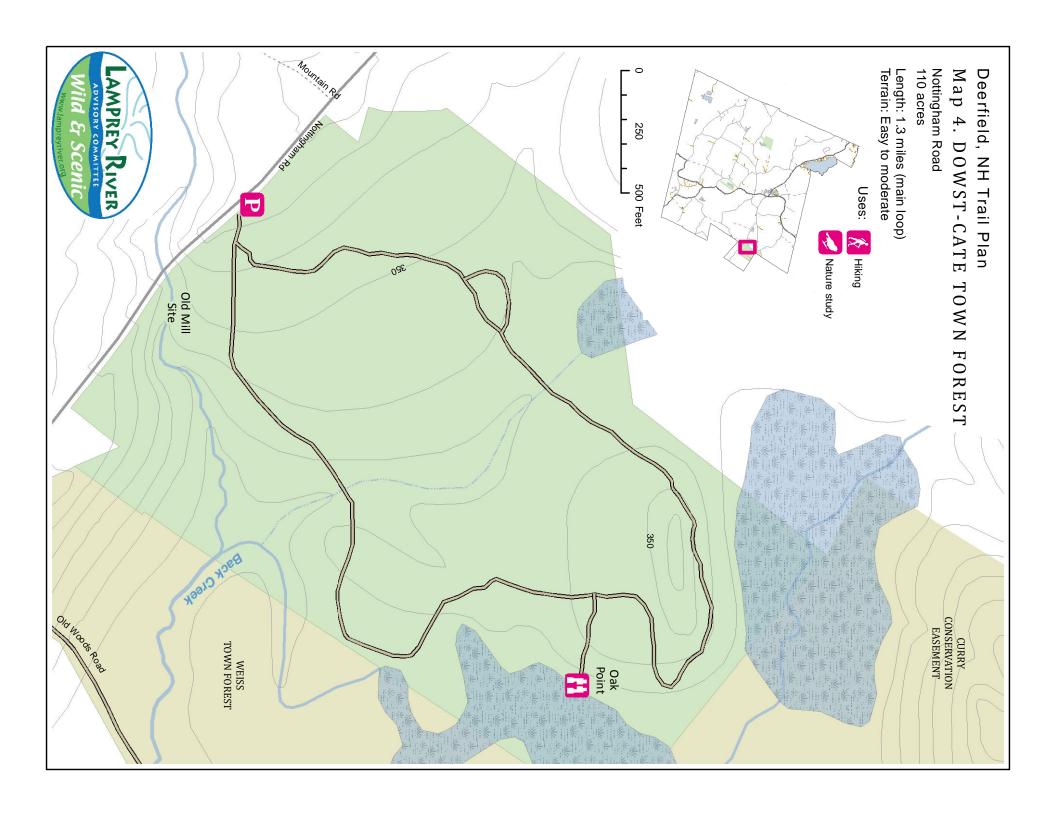
rider clubs have taken active roles in the past in the creation of trails. Pulling these groups together to create a "Deerfield Trails Club" would be a benefit to the community. At their July 2011 strategic planning meeting, the Conservation Commission indicated that they are interested in collaborating with the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to create a Deerfield Trails Club as a new committee (or sub-committee, probably of the Conservation Commission) to conduct the continued maintenance of these trails. The Conservation Commission is willing to provide guidance and oversight to this group, at least one member of which would probably be from the Conservation Commission.

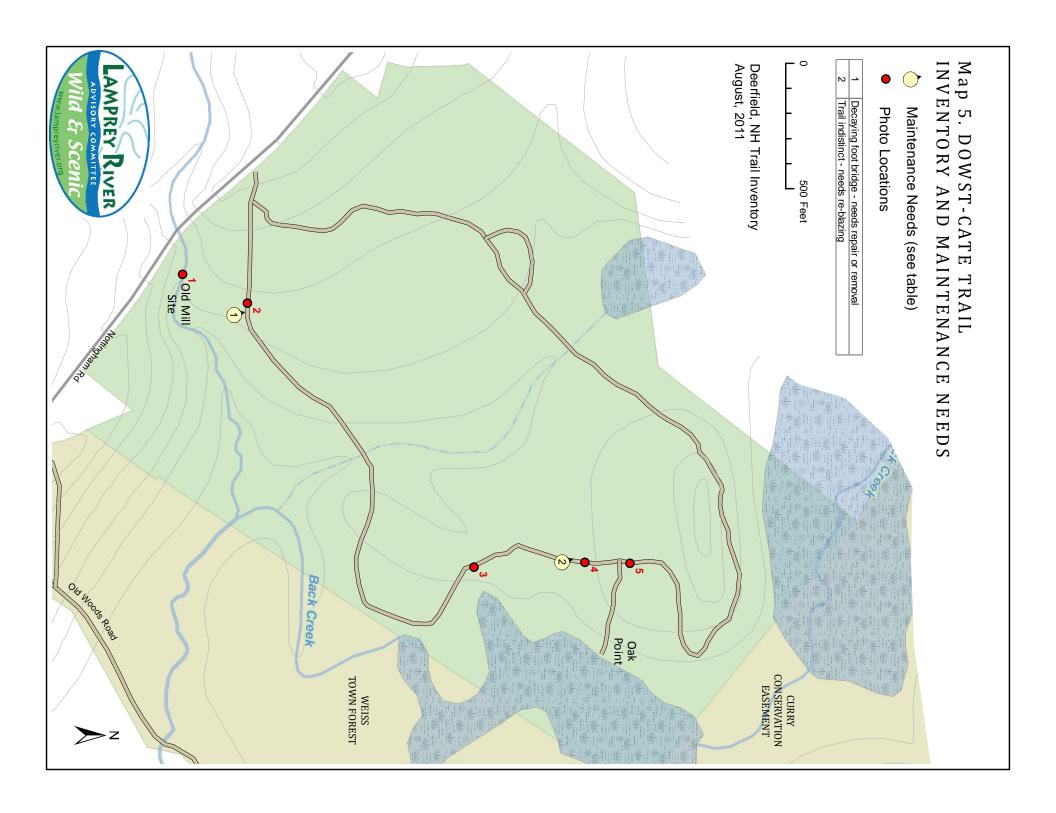
- MAKE NEW TRAILS, AND FRIENDS: There were a number of respondents to the survey who were landowners, and
 were open to the possibility of new trails being created on their land. These leads should be taken into
 consideration after a system of maintenance has been put in place.
- CONNECT KEY POINTS: There are key destinations in town that people have interest in connecting with trails.
 These areas include: downtown (Town Hall, library, playground, gazebo field), the post office, George B. White
 Building, The Lazy Lion, The Lovin' Spoonful (now the Deerfield Café), Deerfield Community School, and Veasey
 Park.
- WALK AROUND DOWNTOWN: There is a need for downtown walking trails to allow for residents to move safely between the town-owned buildings either on foot or on bike. The most pressing need is for a crosswalk across Route 43/107 in front of the George B. White Building to connect the building's after-school program, businesses, and offices with the Bicentennial Field, library, playground and the rest of "downtown" Deerfield. Because this impacts a state-owned road, constructing a crosswalk would require approval and cooperation of NH DOT. A new trail could be constructed on the town-owned property north of Bicentennial Field to cross from Route 43/107 to Candia Road, and then follow the small strip of town-owned land from Candia Road to the Gazebo Field (Map 11).
- RIVER ACCESS: Of all the trails in Deerfield, only the PSNH power line/snowmobile trail and the trails around Freese's Pond (at the Deerfield Community School) are within one quarter mile of the Lamprey River (see Map 1). Public access to the river is also available through the Menard easement on James City Road, the Devries property, and from the roadside near the southern junction of Routes 43 and 107. However, despite the limited direct connection to the Lamprey River, almost all of the trails in Deerfield exist on properties that either border or cross the Lamprey River or one of its tributaries. With the approval of the landowners, there could be appropriate signage put in place to raise trail users' awareness of their location within the Lamprey's watershed and the role the Lamprey River plays in our community.
- PARTNER: PSNH is open to creating a formalized trail plan for the sections of trail that they own. Using the PSNH
 land would provide an opportunity to develop a plan that could add to the existing trails. Creating a trail
 agreement with PSNH could also result in beneficial monitoring of an area that is potentially prone to misuse.

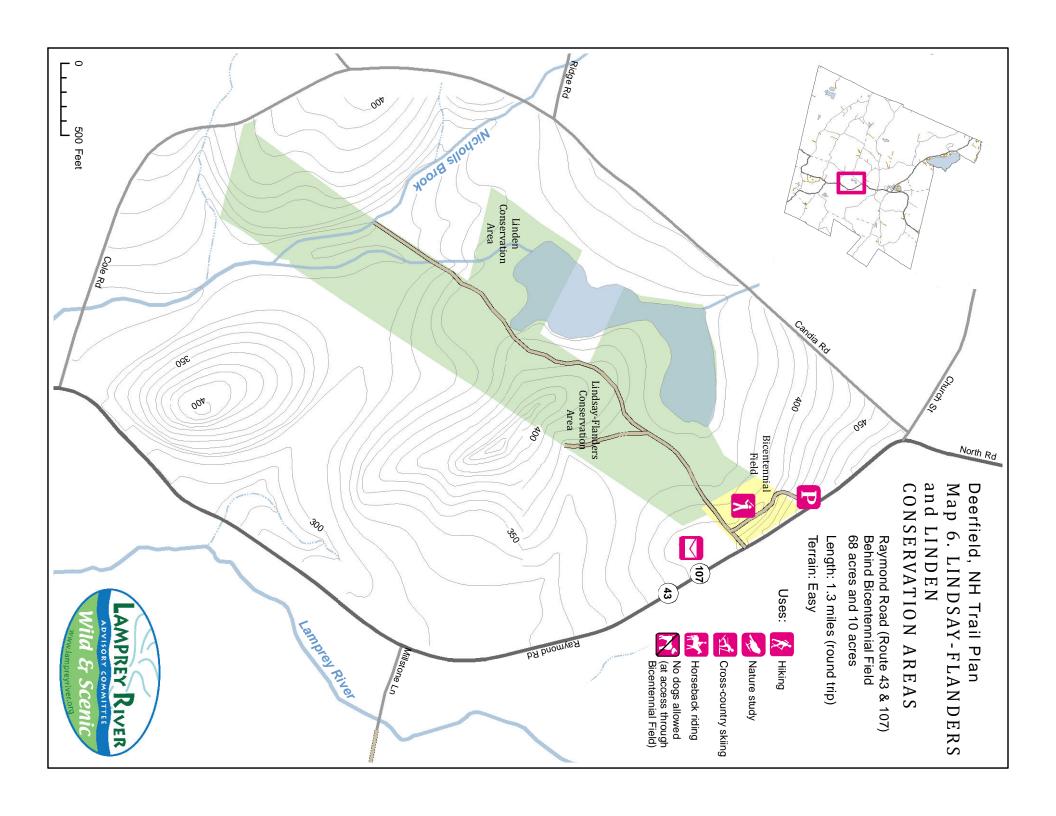


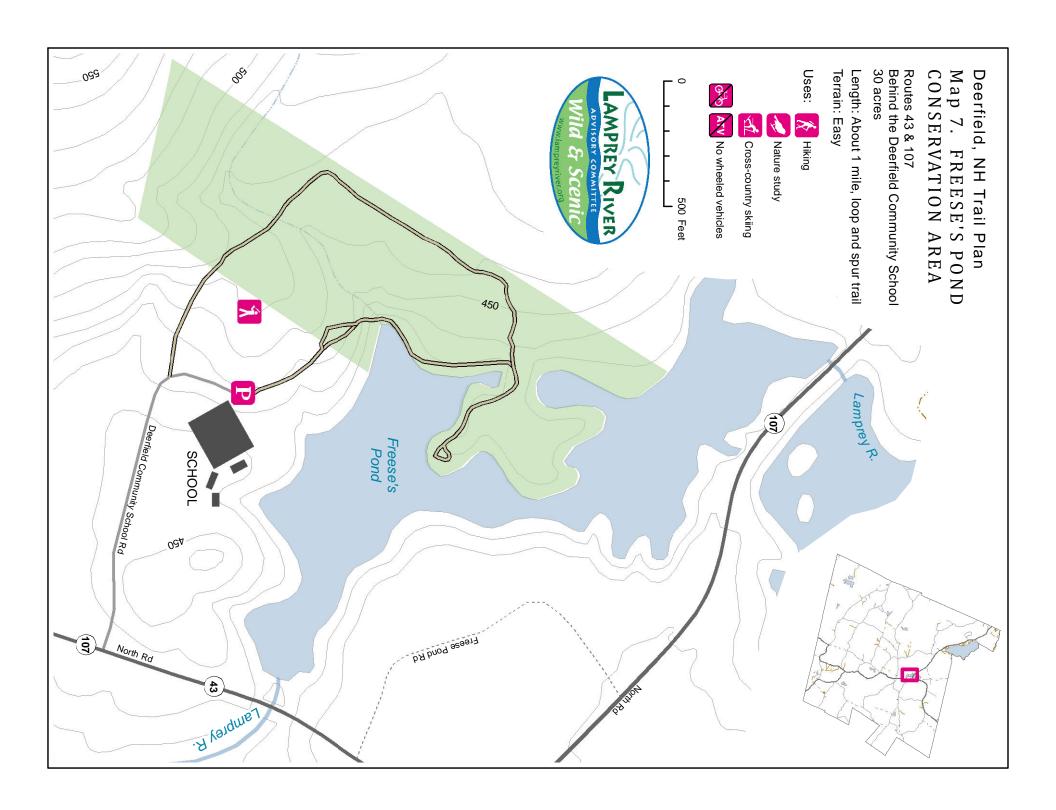


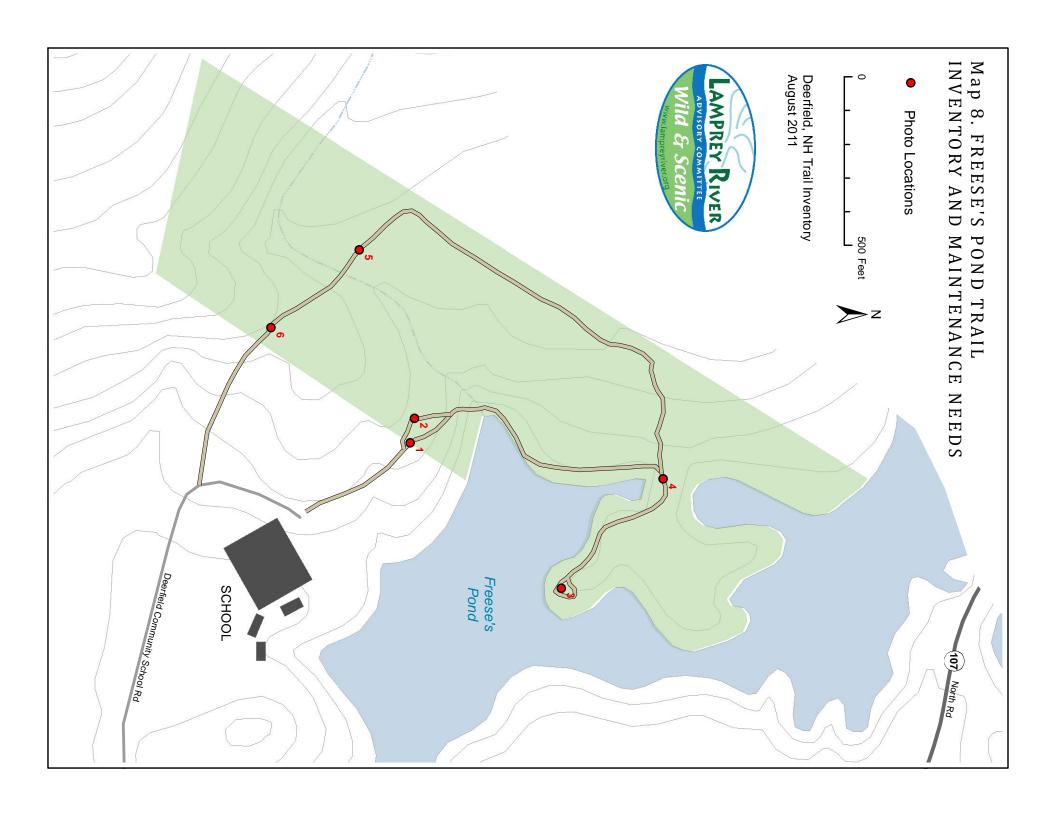


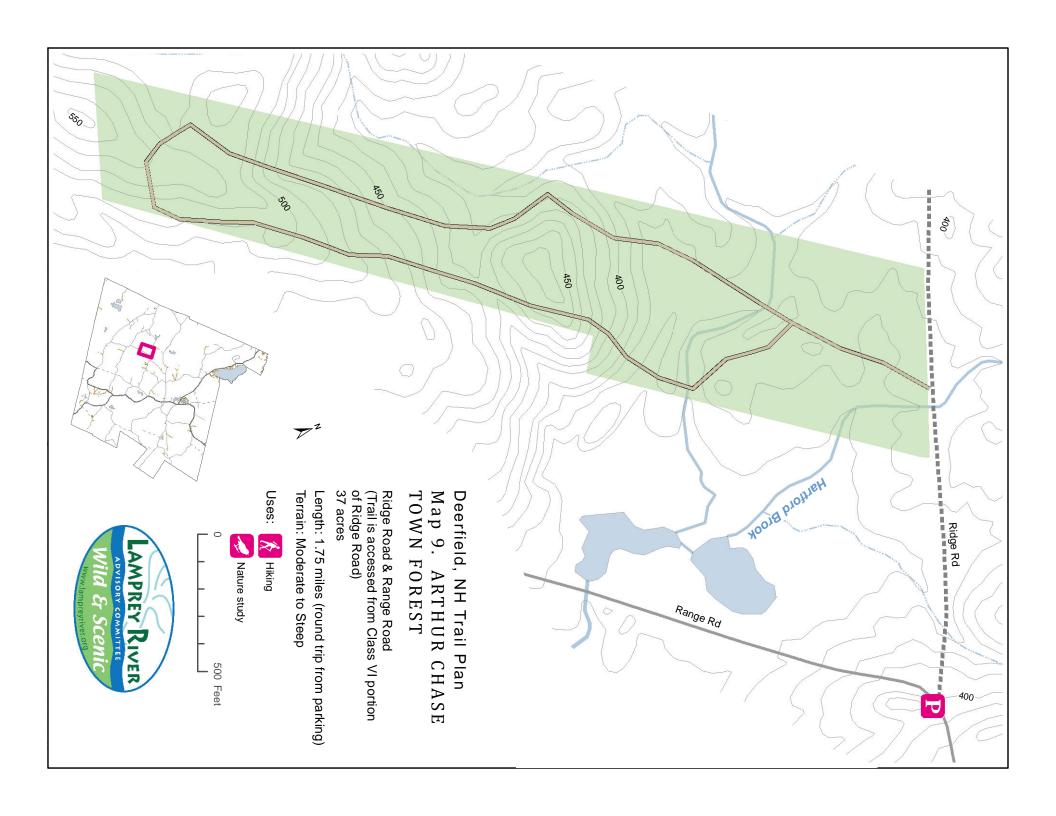


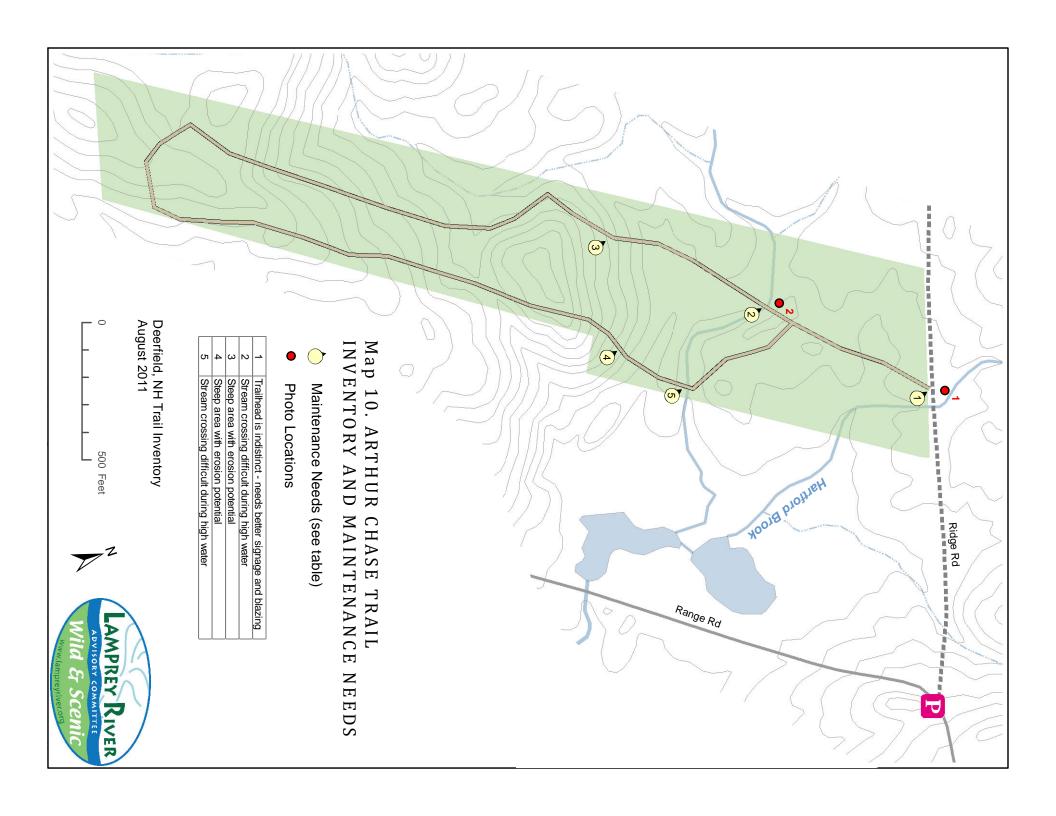


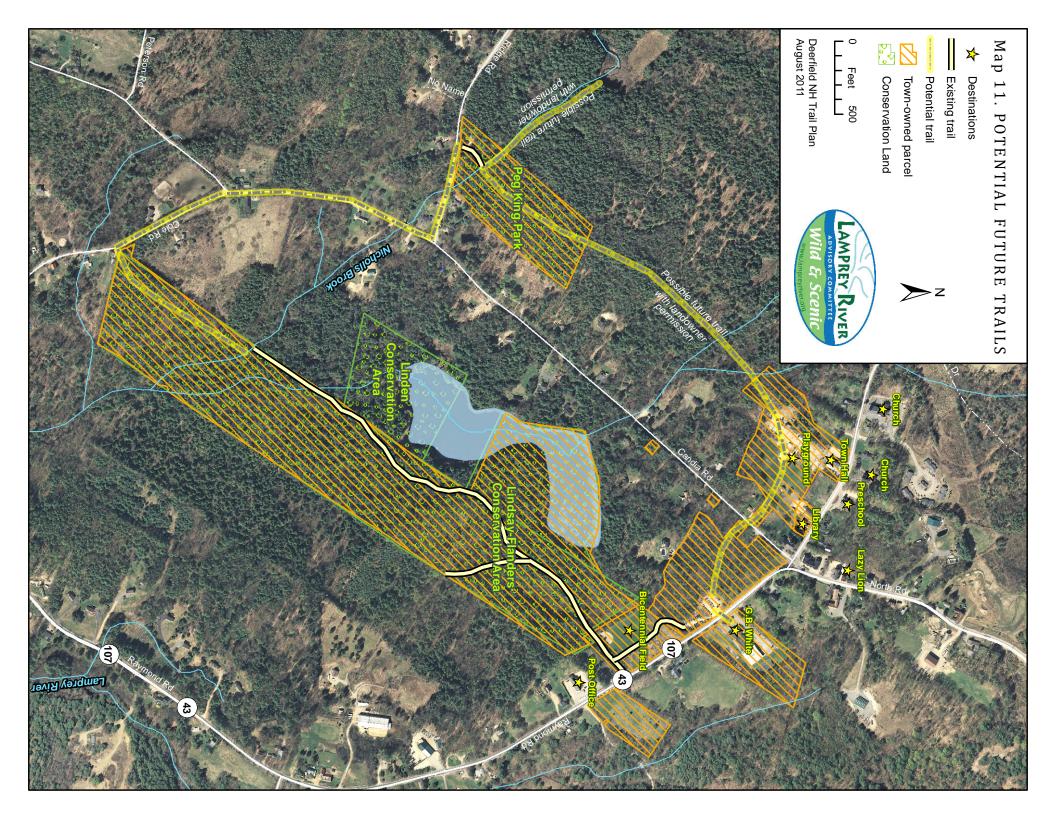












Deerfield Trail Plan



1. Do you use the trails in Deerfie	eld, and if so, how often?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	17.9%	20
One to two times a year	35.7%	40
About once a month	23.2%	26
About once a week	13.4%	15
Almost daily	9.8%	11
	answered question	112
	skipped question	2

2. Which trails or trail systems do you most often use? (Great Brook Trail, Freese's Pond/DCS trail, PSNH power lines, Bear Brook, Pawtuckaway, Class VI roads, or other) (Check all that apply.)				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Great Brook Trail	26.2%	17		
Freese's Pond/DCS Trail	21.5%	14		
PSNH power lines	21.5%	14		
Bear Brook trails	49.2%	32		
Pawtuckaway trails	55.4%	36		
Class VI roads	44.6%	29		
	Other (please specify)	15		
	answered question	65		
	skipped question	49		

3. How do you use the trails in Deerfield?						
	20 or more times a year	10-20 times a year	5-10 times per year	1-5 times per year	Never	Response Count
Walking to a destination (such as school, post office, or library)	16.1% (5)	3.2% (1)	6.5% (2)	16.1% (5)	58.1% (18)	31
Hiking	36.8% (21)	14.0% (8)	22.8% (13)	22.8% (13)	3.5% (2)	57
Jogging/Running	24.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	48.3% (14)	29
Biking	22.9% (8)	8.6% (3)	8.6% (3)	22.9% (8)	37.1% (13)	35
Horseback Riding	21.4% (6)	3.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.6% (1)	71.4% (20)	28
Cross-country Skiing	16.1% (5)	12.9% (4)	16.1% (5)	19.4% (6)	35.5% (11)	31
ATV	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	13.8% (4)	72.4% (21)	29
Snowmobiling	6.7% (2)	10.0% (3)	3.3% (1)	13.3% (4)	66.7% (20)	30
				Other (ple	ease describe)	16
				answe	red question	66
				skipį	ped question	48

4. What kind of assistance is most needed for the trails you use? (Check all that apply.)				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Trail maintenance	54.0%	34		
Signage/blazing	55.6%	35		
Help to resolve access problems	28.6%	18		
Help to resolve conflicts between users	11.1%	7		
None	17.5%	11		
	Other (please specify)	10		
	answered question	63		
	skipped question	51		

5. Which factors most discourage your use of the Deerfield trails?						
	Strong Impact	Some Impact	Mild Impact	No Impact on use	Rating Average	Response Count
Unaware of existing trails	49.4% (38)	23.4% (18)	10.4% (8)	16.9% (13)	2.05	77
No clear access	22.5% (16)	32.4% (23)	18.3% (13)	26.8% (19)	1.51	71
Not convenient to home	11.1% (7)	20.6% (13)	27.0% (17)	41.3% (26)	1.02	63
Need handicapped-accessible trails	6.7% (4)	0.0% (0)	1.7% (1)	91.7% (55)	0.22	60
Lack of trail maintenance	6.3% (4)	22.2% (14)	25.4% (16)	46.0% (29)	0.89	63
Lack of trail maps	44.4% (32)	23.6% (17)	19.4% (14)	12.5% (9)	2.00	72
Comments/Other:					19	
answered question					81	
				skipped	question	33

6. Do you or your family members walk to any of the following destinations? (Check all that apply.)				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Post Office	21.1%	8		
Playground	23.7%	9		
Lazy Lion	34.2%	13		
Lovin' Spoonful	28.9%	11		
George B. White Building	26.3%	10		
Bicentennial Field	15.8%	6		
Veasey Park	5.3%	2		
Library	31.6%	12		
Church	7.9%	3		
A friend's house (other than an immediate neighbor)	52.6%	20		
	Other (please specify)	8		
	answered question	38		
	skipped question	76		

7. Would you be more likely to walk to the above destinations						
	Yes	Maybe	No	Not Applicable	Response Count	
If a trail existed through the woods?	48.0% (36)	21.3% (16)	21.3% (16)	9.3% (7)	75	
If there were sidewalks or broader shoulders on busy roads?	41.1% (30)	19.2% (14)	26.0% (19)	13.7% (10)	73	
If traffic moved more slowly or carefully?	35.2% (25)	15.5% (11)	31.0% (22)	18.3% (13)	71	
		If so, please	describe which ro	ad/section of road.	26	
			aı	nswered question	82	
				skipped question	32	

8. Do you have other suggestions of things that would make it more likely for you or your family to walk to destinations in town?		
	Response Count	
	22	
answered question	22	
skipped question	92	

9. Do you have a school-age child in your home (or have you within the last 10 years)?				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Yes	47.6%	40		
No	52.4%	44		
	answered question	84		
	skipped question	30		

10. Does your child walk or ride a bike to school (or did your child do so within the past 10 years)?					
	Response Percent	Response Count			
Yes	13.2%	5			
No	65.8%	25			
Sometimes	21.1%	8			
	answered question	38			
	skipped question	76			

11. Would your child be more likely to walk or bike to school					
	Yes	Maybe	No	Not Applicable	Response Count
If a trail existed through the woods?	13.9% (5)	22.2% (8)	27.8% (10)	36.1% (13)	36
If there were sidewalks or broader shoulders on busy roads?	27.0% (10)	13.5% (5)	27.0% (10)	32.4% (12)	37
If traffic moved more slowly or carefully?	15.6% (5)	12.5% (4)	31.3% (10)	40.6% (13)	32
		If so, please	describe which ro	ad/section of road.	13
			ar	nswered question	38
				skipped question	76

12. Do you own land in Deerfield?				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Yes	89.2%	74		
No	10.8%	9		
	answered question	83		
	skipped question	31		

13. Are there any public trails on	your property?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	13.9%	10
No	86.1%	62
	answered question	72
	skipped question	42

14. Would you consider allowing a trail on your property?			
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Yes	50.7%	34	
No	49.3%	33	
	Additional Comments	24	
	answered question	67	
	skipped question	47	

15. If you were to allow a trail on you property, or if you already have a trail, what uses are you comfortable with? (Check all that apply.) Response Response Percent Count Hiking 100.0% 44 Running/Jogging 86.4% 38 Horseback Riding 70.5% 31 Biking 50.0% 22 Cross-country Skiing 79.5% 35 ATV 11.4% 5 8 Snowmobiling 18.2% Other (please specify) 16

answered question

skipped question

44

70

16. What concerns do you have that would prevent you from being willing to have a trail through your land? (Check all that apply.)		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Privacy	60.0%	36
Liability	60.0%	36
Noise	43.3%	26
Vandalism/misuse of the land	75.0%	45
Impacts on wildlife or natural features	45.0%	27
	Comments	14
	answered question	60
	skipped question	54

17. Where would you most like to see new trails in Deerfield? If possible, please be specific.	
	Response Count
	25
answered question	25
skipped question	89

18. Would you like to get involved with the trails of Deerfield? If so, please let us know your contact information.	
	Response Count
	15
answered question	15
skipped question	99

19. Do you have any additional comments or concerns?	
	Response Count
	12
answered question	12
skipped question	102

1. Which trails or trail systems do you most often use? (Great Brook Trail, Other (please specify) 1 Peg King Park, Menard Easement Oct 13, 2010 8:16 PM 2 Parsonage lot trail over Saddleback Mt. into Northwood Oct 13, 2010 9:00 PM 3 Dowst-Cate Oct 14, 2010 12:05 PM 4 Dowst-Cate Oct 14, 2010 2:13 PM 5 trails w/in parcels in Mt Delight to MIddle to South west of Haynes/Birch area Nov 4, 2010 5:01 PM 6 trails in my back woods Nov 4, 2010 5:40 PM 7 Candia Conservation Trail Nov 4, 2010 11:46 PM 8 Boy Scout trail Nov 8, 2010 5:04 PM 9 Dowst Cast (sp) Forest Nov 15, 2010 12:06 AM Arthur Chase Lot Eagle Trail 10 off Harvey road Nov 20, 2010 1:45 PM 11 Various trails all around Birch Road, Middle Road, Candia Road, and Ridge and Nov 22, 2010 2:41 PM Range Roads. 12 Dowst Kate on Nottingham Rd. Nov 24, 2010 5:43 PM 13 Dole's Marsh, Saddleback Nov 28, 2010 8:41 PM 14 Dowst Cate Land and Peg King Trail Nov 30, 2010 7:20 PM

Also roads such as Tinpot, while discontinued reverting to abutters, subdivider

had to designate a portion of the closed road as a walking trail.

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2. How do you use the trails in Deerfield?				
	Other (please describe)			
1	Snowshoeing	Oct 13, 2010 9:15 PM		
2	snowshoeing	Nov 8, 2010 5:04 PM		
	Note: I walk to my mailbox not to a			
3	i use the trails primarily to take my dogs out for exercise	Nov 12, 2010 2:55 PM		
4	I live on a class VI road, and my property has a snowmobile trail running through it. Also use trails for hunting access	Nov 15, 2010 6:19 PM		
5	Hunting	Nov 17, 2010 5:35 PM		
6	Snowshoe	Nov 17, 2010 6:37 PM		

Jan 5, 2011 10:02 PM

2. How do you use the trails in Deerfield?

	Other (please describe)	
7	Snowshoeing	Nov 17, 2010 6:52 PM
8	Snowshoeing 1-5 times	Nov 18, 2010 5:36 PM
9	Walking without a specific destination	Nov 20, 2010 12:24 PM
10	Hunting	Nov 21, 2010 2:28 AM
	Snowshoeing	
11	Snowshoeing as well. I also have at least one of my dogs with me so allowing canines is important to me.	Nov 22, 2010 2:41 PM
12	snowshoeing	Nov 24, 2010 5:43 PM
13	Snow showing: 5 - 10 times a year	Nov 28, 2010 12:54 AM
14	Exercise for dogs (and self). With a few exceptions, dogs are discouraged in state parks.	Nov 28, 2010 8:41 PM
15	Snowshoeing!	Dec 2, 2010 4:57 AM
16	dog walking blueberry picking	Dec 3, 2010 1:30 PM

3. What kind of assistance is most needed for the trails you use? (Check all that

	Other (please specify)	
1	Mostly good; tree across path and broken picnic table in Peg King Park.	Oct 13, 2010 8:16 PM
2	This trail is actually in good shape but a few trees have fallen across is an the blazes need updating	Oct 13, 2010 9:00 PM
3	knowing they are there, so signs maybe. I never knew we had so many nice trails, ive been driving to other towns because i did not know we had trails.	Oct 14, 2010 12:14 AM
4	Need to remark the Eagle Trail at Arthur Chase Lot.	Nov 15, 2010 12:06 AM
5	my road could use maintenance - currently the town does not maintain it, but many people use it mistaking it for an access point to Pawtuckaway State Park, causing lots of problems, plus wear and tear on the gravel road surface.	Nov 15, 2010 6:19 PM
6	Enforcement of allowed useage. ATV's and Off Road Trucks are a huge problem. Lots of erosion problems and damage to bridges and gates (to keep them out)	Nov 18, 2010 9:21 PM
7	Last time I walked Dowst-Kate Town Forest, it was in great need ot signage and trail work. Not sure if this forest is considered part of the Deerfield trails since it isn't listed.	Nov 22, 2010 2:27 PM
8	Most of the trails that I use are on private land, however, I believe that many of these land owners would be open to limited public access if their liability was low and if they were maintained for them.	Nov 22, 2010 2:41 PM
9	Some of the markers on the trails (spray painted dots on trees) have faded to where they are almost non existent now. It makes it very hard for new comers to find their way along certain areas of the trails. Also, some of the bridges are in need of repair. It makes crossing them dangerous. Some signage of distances would be nice maybe a half way mark with mileage or something like that.	Nov 30, 2010 7:20 PM
10	Well trained dogs, ones that always respond to their owner's commands, should be allowed in Bear Brook Park "off lead". As of now, they are supposed to be leashed at all times.	Dec 5, 2010 5:26 PM

4. Which factors most discourage your use of the Deerfield trails?

	Comments/Other:	
1	Didn't know trails existed. How sad is that I have lived here for 12 yearsI guess in a box???	Oct 14, 2010 1:53 PM
2	I do not live in Deerfield but would use trails if I was aware of them and maps were available	Oct 19, 2010 11:48 PM
3	If the maps are available, please post them on the town web site.	Nov 7, 2010 6:25 PM
4	limits on use	Nov 9, 2010 5:36 PM
5	Lack of usage by ATVs and snowmobiles	Nov 12, 2010 4:02 AM
6	Most important to me is not having to drive t a trail to use it and the fact that I have discontinued roads near enough to use.	Nov 12, 2010 6:27 PM
7	Discouraged from trails that are used by ATVs - ATVs do more too damage existing trails, encourage private landowners to post land, etc	Nov 17, 2010 5:35 PM
8	We are new to Deerfield. It wold help if there is a link to trail maps.	Nov 18, 2010 4:22 PM
9	I know there are other trails out of Deerfield but there's no where to go to find out the information. A page off the Deerfield Website or a location where pamphlets are available would be nice.	Nov 18, 2010 4:31 PM
10	I would use them more if I knew where they were and if there was convenient or better designated parking.	Nov 18, 2010 5:14 PM
11	Other than the trails that are maintained by Snowmobile clubs there is very little work done on the trails. They are lacking organizations to help with them. Maybe the Town should collaberate more with snowmobile clubs on some connecting trails to area business' and other parts of Deerfield otherthan the two parks and the powerlines. The Northwood club has been very busy the past two years working on the powerlines with gates and bridges.	Nov 18, 2010 9:21 PM
12	Have not been motivated to walk esp in the woods(hunting for one thing) Maybe if a trail was recommended in the forum for different times of the month. Sorry if this is not applicable.	Nov 20, 2010 3:45 AM
13	Conflict with motorized vehiclesespecially ATVs.	Nov 20, 2010 12:24 PM
14	Not sure of some of the trails, where they start, end, length. Also would be great to know who can use the trails (people only, dogs, bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles, XC skiers). Don't want to bring dogs or bike if not permitted.	Nov 22, 2010 2:27 PM
15	I have some maps of the trails I picked up at Town Meeting, when we used to have them, but they are old and I am not sure where to find more.	Nov 24, 2010 5:43 PM
16	Many access points have been "hidden" by the abutters in the form of landscaping. Blatant moves to discourage use of the trails. Being unaware of the existence of trails and the associated access points is very significant.	Nov 28, 2010 12:54 AM
17	Do not like ATVs noise, smell, damage to trails. I avoid trails where they tend to go.	Nov 28, 2010 8:41 PM
18	I think the trails are great. I use them all the time. I would like to see some better trails maps available and some regular maintenance as needed.	Nov 30, 2010 7:20 PM
19	Trails must be dog friendly! Our dog comes with us everywhere.	Dec 2, 2010 4:57 AM

5. Do you or your family members walk to any of the following destinations?

	Other (please specify)	
1	1 more of these by bicycle, given that I live in western Dfld	Nov 4, 2010 5:01 PM

5. Do you or your family members walk to any of the following destinations?

	Other (please specify)	
2	If there is a sidewalk or walking trail to any of the listed places we don/t know of them.	Nov 7, 2010 6:25 PM
3	no live too far away from these locations	Nov 9, 2010 5:36 PM
4	i live on a dirt road (102 middle) and the road is not handicapped friendly so i don't walk on it often	Nov 12, 2010 2:55 PM
5	I would walk or ride more often to these (or more) destinations if there was better/safer access beyond the road. I am unaware of what trails might access these areas and how to reach them. Road travel is difficult due to lack of shoulder or designated walkways/bike space and condition of the roads.	Nov 18, 2010 5:14 PM
6	None-We live too far from these to make them a walking destination. (It'd be more like a hike to get to any of the options, especially given that out-of-shape better describes our status than in-shape. Lack of time to walk is also an issue.)	Nov 20, 2010 12:24 PM
7	We are fortunate to live close enough to do walk to the above locations.	Nov 22, 2010 2:27 PM
8	We live on South Road so walking to these points is a rare occurrence due to the distance. I do ride my bike to them via paved roads or paths/class VI roads often.	Nov 28, 2010 12:54 AM

6. Would you be more likely to walk to the above destinations...

	If so, please describe which road/section of road.	
1	Trail from Peg King Park to Gazebo Field. Sidewalk or shoulder along 43 from Lazy Lion to Post Office.	Oct 13, 2010 8:16 PM
2	It would be nice to have safer access in the center of town to get to the post office, library, ball fields etc, without risking your life. It would also be nice if there was a way to walk to school through the woods for parents and kids who would like to walk, that would connect the center of town to the school, Mr. Mikes to the school, etc.	Oct 13, 2010 9:15 PM
3	No. We live to far and it would take over an hour to walk to these locations.	Oct 14, 2010 2:13 AM
4	107/43	Oct 14, 2010 1:53 PM
5	Nottingham RD	Oct 14, 2010 2:13 PM
6	Rt 43 from harvey road to the intersection with 107, and from there in to town - ie library town offices etc	Oct 15, 2010 4:31 AM
7	107/43 very bad, and essential to walk or bike to many places	Nov 4, 2010 5:01 PM
8	Deerfield does NOT need sidewalks or "traffic calming"	Nov 4, 2010 5:12 PM
9	But it would be nice if traffice moved more slowly and carefullythroughout the town!!	Nov 5, 2010 10:55 PM
10	Traffic control is pretty non-existant the deerfield pd is too busy watching the utility company.	Nov 7, 2010 6:25 PM
11	GBW to PO GBW to Lazy Lion GBW to gazebo church to Lazy Lion	Nov 8, 2010 5:04 PM
12	WE DONT NEED SIDEWALKS!	Nov 8, 2010 10:30 PM
13	Obviously the ideal would be for sidewalks for every road that being impractable then we must as citizens help ouselves and not expect more tax dollars to pay for our wants but rather to only pay for that which is constitutionally mandated.	Nov 12, 2010 6:27 PM

6. Would you be more likely to walk to the above destinations...

	If so, please describe which road/section of road.	
14	I would horseback ride to the Fairgrounds and other points in town if there were trails from Reservation Road/Pawtuckaway across route 107	Nov 15, 2010 6:19 PM
15	Rte. 107 needs adequate shoulder/breakdown lanes on at least one side. In a community like Deerfield citizens, particularly kids, should have ample roadside space to bike to school, playing fields, Veasey Park, GBW building, etc They do not, and it is extremely dangerous for children to try and navigate Rte. 107 due to lack of adequate shoulder.	Nov 17, 2010 5:35 PM
16	43	Nov 17, 2010 6:37 PM
17	We live out near the fairgrounds, so any of those place would be a very long walk.	Nov 17, 2010 6:52 PM
18	Traffic tends to move very fast through Deerfield and there are very few roads that have broad enough shoulders at any distance or that are in good enough condition to be safe or to make walking or riding fun or comfortable.	Nov 18, 2010 5:14 PM
19	from library to GBW building	Nov 18, 2010 8:52 PM
20	We have access to trails that back up to the school and we would love to use them to get to the school	Nov 20, 2010 1:45 PM
21	from Penn Ave.to the intersection of 43/107 at the Deerfield/Citgo Mart and or community school south to The Post office, Sidewalks would be very appropriate. The traffic on 43 from Penn Ave to the Citgo station is VERY dangerous especially for children and it is a major concern for me while walking there. We have had alot of close calls!	Nov 21, 2010 8:17 AM
22	There are some old "horse" trails in town and it would be great to see if they can be updated and worked on to enable people to walk. I believe one used to go from Bicentennial to Candia Roadnice easy short-cut for folks. Maybe there are others that could be used	Nov 22, 2010 2:27 PM
23	I live pretty far from any of those locations and it would still be far even if there were a trail (perhaps more direct than the road) to them. So, maybe.	Nov 24, 2010 5:43 PM
24	For the most part the roads in Deerfield are OK for walking and biking. It seems apart from certain individuals drivers are respectful. I would use the trail system more if the ones we had were enhanced.	Nov 28, 2010 12:54 AM
25	Actually walk a section of Rt 107 a few times a week. I know it is a tate highway but a slightly wider shoulder would be nicer. Too bad there are no trails in the Northern part of town,	Nov 28, 2010 2:06 AM
26	My kids would have been much more likely to walk, and certainly to bike to school if there were sidewalks or broader shoulders on 43.	Nov 28, 2010 8:41 PM

7. Do you have other suggestions of things that would make it more likely for

	Response Text	
1	Signage	Oct 14, 2010 2:13 AM
2	SIDEWALKS would be spectacular.	Oct 14, 2010 1:53 PM
3	We really live too far away from any intown locations We basically walk for excercise and pleasure	Oct 14, 2010 2:13 PM
4	walking school bus	Nov 4, 2010 5:01 PM
5	If there's a path you can put up signs re the trees/plants/habitat. You can also put up signs re to healthy living. nutrition and exercise.	Nov 8, 2010 5:04 PM
6	ORGANIZED HIKES FOR ALL	Nov 8, 2010 10:30 PM

7. Do you have other suggestions of things that would make it more likely for

	Response Text	
7	The town should stay out of the business of land management and concentrate on fiscal responsibility and not trail upkeep	Nov 12, 2010 2:36 PM
8	pave middle road	Nov 12, 2010 2:55 PM
9	If they were closer than a mile and easily gotten to because of time contraints	Nov 12, 2010 6:27 PM
10	If there were trails, we could cross country ski on weekends. Also, the hours of operation aren't all that great for Lazy Lion - a coffee shop that's not open until 10?	Nov 15, 2010 6:19 PM
11	We are too far from the center of town to walk there.	Nov 18, 2010 4:22 PM
12	clear maps either online or hard copy are the biggest thing.	Nov 18, 2010 4:31 PM
13	Painted bike/walking lines (at least) would help. Addressing road conditions and addressing the speeding traffic problem might help too. Maintained paths between some areas might be nice, and might already exits, but I am not familiar with many paths that connect the above-mention destinations.	Nov 18, 2010 5:14 PM
14	Not really motivated to go into town for any reason right now. Loved the concert in the summer but not that interested in going anymore since we cannot bring our leashed small dog with us. It is too bad that one bad incidence spoils it for the rest of us. Just myself and my husband, and the dog is so much a part of us, hate to have to leave him home.	Nov 20, 2010 3:45 AM
15	Well, having more destinations in disparate areas might help. Ours is a large town, but most destinations are clustered near each other.	Nov 20, 2010 12:24 PM
16	Having updated maps and knowing that the trails are well marked to indicate path and length of trail.	Nov 22, 2010 2:27 PM
17	Houses are so spread out it is fairly unlikely that a large number of people would begin walking to town destinations. That said, I do believe good trail systems would be frequented by runners, mountain bikers, horseback riders, snowshoers, and depending on the type of trails possibly even the growing sport of ski-jouring etc and if town facilities were along those routes they would incorporate stops at town facilities.	Nov 22, 2010 2:41 PM
18	no	Nov 24, 2010 5:43 PM
19	Clarify access/right of way regarding existing trails in town. Clear definition of land owners rights and the rights and responsibilities of those who use the trails is very important.	Nov 28, 2010 12:54 AM
20	Sometimes parking near a trail head can be an issue.	Nov 28, 2010 2:06 AM
21	Deerfield is much too spread out for most people to walk to any destination in town. Nothing can change that fact.	Nov 28, 2010 8:41 PM
22	Trails through woods.	Dec 2, 2010 4:57 AM

2. Would your child be more likely to walk or bike to school...

	If so, please describe which road/section of road.	
1	RT 43/107	Oct 13, 2010 9:15 PM
2	107	Oct 14, 2010 1:53 PM
3	Route 107	Nov 12, 2010 4:02 AM
4	see previous comments - rte 107 needs breakdown lane(s) or the equivalently termed space	Nov 17, 2010 5:36 PM

2. Would your child be more likely to walk or bike to school...

	If so, please describe which road/section of road.	
5	Travelling through the woods would be a concern but if there were clear sidewalks and slower traffic routes where they can be clearly seen, then yes.	Nov 18, 2010 4:35 PM
6	Crossing route 43 from either Parade Road or Nottingham Road is difficult at best. Riding along route 43 is precarious for adults, let alone children, and would require a substantial shoulder for me to feel more comfortable with my child walking or riding a bike to school on a regular basis. Some of the side roads aren't too bad, but the speed of travel by even the occasional car or truck tends to often be too high (that is, beyond the speed limit). Nottingham Road has a few blind curves that would make foot or bike travel difficult.	
7	Parade road to DCS	Nov 19, 2010 1:12 AM
8	43 on Northwood side, then 107/43 to school	Nov 20, 2010 12:25 PM
9	Rt. 107 from center of town to school. The road is the shortest way to school for us but I am an advocate for some trails which would be great for both kids and adults to travel on.	Nov 22, 2010 2:29 PM
10	She is 3 at this time and once she does enroll in school, from Middle Road it is really too far for her.	Nov 22, 2010 2:43 PM
11	We live on Maple ave. We are too far from the school, town center, etc. to walk/bike on a regular basis. This end of town is great for walking and biking. Especially with our proximity to Bear Brook!	Nov 28, 2010 12:57 AM
12	Can't see any child riding Rt 107 with the morning traffic.	Nov 28, 2010 2:07 AM
13	43 / North Road is dreadful for bicycles. And one would almost have to use 43 to get anywhere that a kid would want to go in town, particularly the school, the library, and Bicentennial Field.	Nov 28, 2010 8:44 PM

2. Would you consider allowing a trail on your property?

	Additional Comments	
1	Our property is too small	Oct 14, 2010 12:07 PM
2	I would consider this if i had more acreage however there us a 40 ft wide class VI road that abutts my property on the south side that accesses a 100 acre lot wich is in current use. That parcel is owned by Robert and Margaret Rix (Manchester). this class VI road (Gilman Rd) would make a great access from rt 107 to a wonderful deep woods hiking alternative to the nearby powerlines.	Oct 14, 2010 12:40 PM
3	We do abut the Dowst-cate trail and have developed connecting trails but as we age it's getting harder to maintain them	Oct 14, 2010 2:23 PM
4	I would if my property was larger	Oct 15, 2010 4:33 AM
5	already have a network	Nov 4, 2010 5:05 PM
6	You can put public trails on public land and leave private land, private	Nov 12, 2010 2:38 PM
7	as long as they are not used for hunting	Nov 12, 2010 2:56 PM
8	I allow people to use my land upon request	Nov 12, 2010 6:31 PM
9	Only have a house lot of 3 acres.	Nov 15, 2010 12:07 AM
10	Depending on what the trail was for, definitely not for ATV or dirt bike use	Nov 17, 2010 5:40 PM
11	We don't have enough property to put a trail on, but if we had more I wouldn't be opposed to it.	Nov 17, 2010 6:56 PM
12	property is too small.	Nov 18, 2010 2:26 PM

2. Would you consider allowing a trail on your property?

	Additional Comments	
13	depending on where the trail lay, I don't want it going under my house's windows but the backside of the property would be ok	Nov 18, 2010 4:43 PM
14	As long as people are respectful of my rights as a landowner and stay to any paths created, I don't have a problem with hikers or mountain bikers.	Nov 18, 2010 5:39 PM
15	ATV's use powerlines and use to access our logging roads	Nov 19, 2010 1:18 AM
16	lot is too small	Nov 19, 2010 2:18 PM
17	we have a very small parcel on a busy street	Nov 21, 2010 8:17 AM
18	But we don't own too much. Possibly using the access road next to our house could be part of a trail.	Nov 22, 2010 2:40 PM
19	I have a small property so it might not be useful but I am certain from discussions I've had with neighbors that they would be open to it.	Nov 22, 2010 2:51 PM
20	I don't have much land available for that purpose, only about 2 acres, but I wouldn't mind if it were used.	Nov 24, 2010 5:45 PM
21	IN regards to question 2: Our lot is too small for a public trail. I would consider it if a possibility existed for it to be part of a larger scheme. What is the level of interest for large landowners in town regarding public trails?	Nov 28, 2010 1:02 AM
22	We only have 200 road frotnage and placement of our home makes any trail through our yard - there are some wonderful woods behind our home but it is mostly other folks land.	Nov 28, 2010 2:10 AM
23	Most of our land is in conservation. We need to follow the guidelines of the easement.	Nov 28, 2010 8:48 PM
24	We don't have the acreage for trails.	Nov 30, 2010 7:22 PM

3. If you were to allow a trail on you property, or if you already have a trail, what

	Other (please specify)	
1	Path to connect center of town to other areas.	Oct 13, 2010 9:17 PM
2	any responsible user is welcome	Nov 4, 2010 5:14 PM
3	atv trails are needed locally, as well as horseback riding trails	Nov 9, 2010 5:37 PM
4	I would allow any with requested permission	Nov 12, 2010 6:31 PM
5	Bikes and ATV's damage trails too much because they leave narrow channels for erosion. the other uses are less damaging to the natural contours and landscape, and are easier to maintain	Nov 15, 2010 6:22 PM
6	Hunting	Nov 17, 2010 5:40 PM
7	I wouldn't want anything motorized.	Nov 17, 2010 6:56 PM
8	noise factor- don't want atv or snowmobiles at 7am on sunday morning	Nov 18, 2010 4:43 PM
9	Snowshoeing	Nov 18, 2010 5:38 PM
10	camping, hunting, trapping	Nov 19, 2010 8:39 PM
11	Walking	Nov 20, 2010 12:35 PM
12	I'd have to think about the motorized access. Not sure about that.	Nov 22, 2010 2:40 PM
13	As mentioned above, my property is really small so snowmobilers and ATV's so near my house would be quite a disturbance. If I had several acres between my house and the trail I would not mind.	Nov 22, 2010 2:51 PM
14	snowshoeing	Nov 24, 2010 5:45 PM

3. If you were to allow a trail on you property, or if you already have a trail, what

	Other (please	specify)
15	Non-motorized type traffic only.	Nov 28, 2010 1:02 AM
16	N/A	Nov 30, 2010 7:22 PM

4. What concerns do you have that would prevent you from being willing to have

	Comments	
1	using the above mentioned Class VI Gilman Rd. for hiking i would expect respect to the neighbor from those using it. Liablity would not be an issue as this is a town owned road.	Oct 14, 2010 12:40 PM
2	Litter.	Nov 7, 2010 6:27 PM
3	Unauthorized use of motorized vehicles ie atv & snowmobiles. Ruins the land rutting the trail	Nov 9, 2010 12:59 PM
4	These are all concerns, but can be managed carefully with appropriate signage and routine workshops and patrols.	Nov 15, 2010 6:22 PM
5	I wouldn't want to have more access for hunters. I worry already that they'll mistake my dog for a deer.	Nov 17, 2010 6:56 PM
6	As I said, I have no problems with responsible people walking on my property. However, it would take only one bad incident to change my mind. For what it's worth, my property really does not afford anything by way of access to any of the town locations that you mention. I am familiar enough with my land and the surrounding properties that I can access one of the trails (Great Brook) or other roads (Perry, Nottingham, Cate) without having to go to the trail head, but I see little use that would be for anyone else other than, perhaps, my neighbors.	Nov 18, 2010 5:39 PM
7	we raise farm animals	Nov 18, 2010 8:53 PM
8	litter	Nov 19, 2010 8:39 PM
9	The primary concerns about opening trails are litter and misuse by motorized vehicles. There are many scofflaws who already have driven though our property on snowmobiles, ATVs, and minibikes, and many have been very rude. On two occasions they have actually driven into our backyard; a snowmobile drove over a bed in our garden (which was not yet wholly covered with snow).	Nov 20, 2010 12:35 PM
	Meanwhile, someone is dumping garbage onto our propertytires and other debris. They aren't even recreating on itjust using it as a dump. I guess they figure it's more convenient than driving across town to the transfer station, and doesn't entail paying those pesky fees.	
10	I checked 4 boxes above because I do think about it. Here in Deerfield I think that most of these (except noise) can be overcome. I strongly recommend that you look into National patrol's like the National Bike Patrol as well as local groups that would help monitor the safety on the trails. Without them, and with the potential for school children and women using them their is substantial increased risk of bullying, mugging, rape, etc	
11	No motorized vehicles. Period.	Nov 28, 2010 8:48 PM
12	N/A	Nov 30, 2010 7:22 PM
13	Not enough land	Dec 1, 2010 12:49 PM
14	Concern for our farm animals. Also, our home is on this land and we prefer our privacy.	Dec 2, 2010 5:00 AM

5. Where would you most like to see new trails in Deerfield? If possible, please

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Nov 4, 2010 5:14 PM
Nov 5, 2010 10:59 PM
Nov 8, 2010 5:05 PM
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Nov 17, 2010 6:38 PM
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22 I'd like to see the possible development of more trails on the DCS property. I was Nov 22, 2010 2:40 PM involved with the updating of the DCS trails to create their first XC course so that we could hold a home XC meet for the first time. Working with others, we discussed making additional trails on school property for use by walkers, runners and XC skiiers. Probably other trails that could better link passage between roads, using Class VI roads where possible and old horse trails or logging paths. Next to our house is an access road to land behind our house (not owned by us) but in the winter we have snow shoed to Lang Road. If the property owner gave the okay, it would be great to have a path here. 23

I would like to see trails connecting Pawtuckaway and Bearbrook along South Road and Middle Roads with trails that also run north up to Saddleback Mountain. Off of these main trails could be subtrail systems going to the town facilities and businesses.

Nov 22, 2010 2:51 PM

I need to think about this one!

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Nov 28, 2010 1:02 AM

Through wooded areas or open land that would not impact homes ~ please respect the privacy of the homeowners.

Dec 2, 2010 5:00 AM

6. Would you like to get involved with the trails of Deerfield? If so, please let us

	Response Text	
1	Yes,	Oct 13, 2010 9:17 PM
	Rachelle Burnham 463-9711	
2	I would get involved along with some one from the committee to see if the Rix family would welcome this road to access their land and allow use this parcell. Gilman road runs through the Rix lot.	Oct 14, 2010 12:40 PM
3	Phil has talked about getting more involved in the future.,probably whn he retires. Right now just finding the time to hike the trails is a challenge. Please keep us informed and if there are some volunteer efforts forthcoming we would be glad to consider helping out. Thanks for your efforts.	Oct 14, 2010 2:23 PM
4	Alisha Skoog - trillium9277@metrocast.net	Oct 15, 2010 4:33 AM
5	Kate nhkate@ncia.net -9091	Nov 4, 2010 5:05 PM
	Very sorry for the delay in respondinghope it is not too late. Thx for asking.	
6	Sure! Mark Leavitt 155 South Rd 463-7436	Nov 5, 2010 10:59 PM
7	yes	Nov 8, 2010 5:05 PM
	Denny Greig 463 5504	
8	no	Nov 9, 2010 5:37 PM
9	Already do trail maintenance in Bear Brook	Nov 17, 2010 6:38 PM
10	Ggmeyers@metrocast.net	Nov 18, 2010 4:24 PM

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	Response Text	
11	If there were specific dates to volunteer for the project that I knew about 2-3 months ahead of time, yes	Nov 18, 2010 4:43 PM
12	Lynn and Ric Hapke 463-9950, 53 Old Centre Road	Nov 20, 2010 1:47 PM
13	I may be interested in getting involved, pending the time commitment. Julie DeCosta 19 Candia Road Deerfield, NH ggjulie@metrocast.net 463-9896	Nov 22, 2010 2:40 PM
14	Sure. Contact me at 603-493-1228. Name is Gabriel Szczepanik and I am on 100 Middle Road.	Nov 22, 2010 2:51 PM
15	Ernie Robert robertfam@metrocast.net home phone: 463-5919	Nov 28, 2010 1:02 AM

7. Do you have any additional comments or concerns?

	Response Text	
1	There is a BIG difference b/t some class VI rds and walking, etc. trails. May need to distinguish to be more useful. I am interested in learning more abt any analysis of Class VI roads, and would like	Nov 4, 2010 5:05 PM
	to give input BEFORE plan is done.	
2	Thanks!	Nov 8, 2010 5:05 PM
3	Most land that is in conservation is not being allowed use by ALL people in town because they are against ATV and snowmobile usage. Making it usable and access to areas that serve food or sell gas and goods would help bring in revenue in the town.	Nov 12, 2010 4:05 AM
4	I am tired of the same old people being the ones to decide the conservation lands, trails, etc. Of course they tell the selectmen they only want those they can get the preordained designs they want for Deerfield rather than innovation	Nov 12, 2010 6:31 PM
5	I really don't know what trails exist in Deerfield (other than those I mentioned). I also don't know what conservation/easement/town managed lands I can access. There are very few parking areas for accessing any lands that are under conservation easements and I don't know where they are. We pay for them through our taxes, yet it seems that only those people who live right next to them get any benefit from them. At the very least, we should be providing maps on the town website that describe where the lands are, how to access them, where to park, and so on.	Nov 18, 2010 5:39 PM
6	we need more atv and snowmobile trails in town to connect with resturants and gas stations	Nov 19, 2010 1:59 AM
7	Get the boy scouts in town to start a project to erect some small plaques at the beginning and end of the trail and maybe a small map with destination?	Nov 20, 2010 3:48 AM
8	I also worry about hunters. Some are very responsible, but others may shoot at hikers before they have a good look at their target.	Nov 20, 2010 12:35 PM
9	We would like to see safe ATV trails available for all to use, as well as other uses.	Nov 20, 2010 1:47 PM

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Response Text Great that folks are trying to work on this. Another thought I've had was to see if Nov 22, 2010 2:40 PM 10 any of the 8th grade Magnets would have interest in helping to work on these trails. Or if presented right, each Magnet working on a different trail system. Then they could each bring the other groups to these trails, thus creating more awareness and maybe even some of their parents would come out. Another thought is to see about high school students who may want/need community service hours/work. Could get them involved. 11 thank you for providing this. Dec 2, 2010 5:00 AM 12 My husband and I walked all over Deerfield, followed streams, discontinued Jan 5, 2011 10:03 PM roads, wood paths and simply across county on power lines etc. It was easier to simply walk anywhere some years ago as there were fewer subdivisions etc.

			Size (Acres)			Trail Map	
NAME	Protection Type	Protecting Agency	Total	Deerfield	Protection Level	Currently	Access
	(Primary)	(primary)	Parcel	Portion		Available	
Arthur Chase Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	39.5	39.5	Permanent Conservation Land	Υ	Allowed
Bear Brook State Park	Fee Ownership	NH DRED	9,977.0	1,953.1	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Brower	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	10.2	10.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Burbank, H.	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	98.7	98.7	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Burbank, J. & H.	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	20.4	8.6	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Burbank, J. & H.	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	20.4	11.8	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Cate	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	4.7	4.7	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Clark Lot	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	10.9	10.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Clifford Easement I	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	83.4	22.8	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Clifford Easement II	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	83.4	52.1	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Clifford Easement III	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	83.4	8.4	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Corey WMA	Fee Ownership	NH Fish & Game	177.9	177.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Cumings Easement	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	18.3	18.3	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Curry	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	349.7	70.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Curry	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	349.7	99.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Curry	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	349.7	118.0	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Devries	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	4.5	4.5	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Doane / Schorr Easement	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	72.9	72.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Doles Marsh WMA	Fee Ownership	NH Fish & Game	36.2	32.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Dowst - Cate Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	118.2	118.3	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Fogg / Shores Memorial Forest	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	135.2	135.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Restricted
Fowler Conservation Area #1	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	8.8	8.8	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Fowler Conservation Area #2	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	11.9	11.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Fowler Conservation Area #3	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	9.5	9.5	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Fowler Conservation Area #4	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	8.0	8.0	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Freese Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	174.4	174.4	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Freese's Pond	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	29.7	29.7	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Geddes Trust, Melinda L	Conservation Easement	SPNHF	272.5	272.5	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Hart Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	56.8	56.3	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Jaeger	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	110.0	110.0	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Katharyn Williams Easement	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	94.5	94.5	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Lamontagne WMA	Fee Ownership	NH Fish & Game	368.5	298.4	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Lamontagne WMA	Fee Ownership	NH Fish & Game	368.5	70.1	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Levesque Lot	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	5.3	5.3	Unofficial Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	7.0	7.0	Permanent Conservation Land	Υ	Allowed
Linden Conservation Area	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	10.9	10.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown

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Lindsay-Flanders Conservation Area	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	13.2	13.2	Permanent Conservation Land	Υ	Allowed
Lindsay-Flanders Conservation Area	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	54.7	54.7	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Malouin	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	0.6	0.6	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
McNeil Conservation Area Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	46.8	46.8	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Menard	Conservation Easement	SPNHF	230.6	230.6	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Menard Easement	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	1.5	1.5	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Olsen / Villnave	Deed Restriction	SPNHF	285.8	111.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
O'Neal Lot	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	2.4	2.4	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Pawtuckaway State Park	Fee Ownership	NH DRED	5,469.2	529.1	Permanent Conservation Land	Υ	Allowed
Peg King Park	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	11.4	11.4	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Pendleton	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	126.1	126.1	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Pendleton	Conservation Easement	Town of Deerfield	56.5	56.5	Permanent Conservation Land	Υ	Allowed
Pleasant Lake Boat Launch Facility	Fee Ownership	NH Fish & Game	4.4	4.4	Unofficial Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Rosenfield / Mallette Easement	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	88.6	34.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Sherburne Conservation Easement	Conservation Easement	The Nature Conservancy	54.2	54.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed*
Steve Cruikshank Memorial Easement	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	27.4	27.4	Permanent Conservation Land	Y	Allowed
Stillbach	Conservation Easement	SPNHF	382.6	74.6	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Not Allowed
UNH - Saddleback Mountain	Fee Ownership	UNH	265.4	174.3	Unofficial Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Weiss Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	93.0	93.0	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Wells Town Forest	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	79.9	79.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Willoughby Easement	Conservation Easement	Bear-Paw	22.9	22.9	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Unknown
Woodman State Forest	Fee Ownership	NH DRED	143.6	94.2	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed
Yeaton Lot	Fee Ownership	Town of Deerfield	18.6	18.6	Permanent Conservation Land	-	Allowed

^{*} Access is allowed at landowner's discretion; it is not guaranteed in deed.



ArthurChase_1



DowstCate_1



ArthurChase_2



DowstCate_2



DowstCate_3



DowstCate_5



DowstCate_4



FreesesPond_1



FreesesPond_2



FreesesPond_4



FreesesPond_3



FreesesPond_5



FreesesPond_6



GreatBrook_2



GreatBrook_1



GreatBrook_3



GreatBrook_4



GreatBrook_6



GreatBrook_5



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GreatBrook_8



GreatBrook_10



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