

# Town of Harwich 2009 Open Space and Recreation Survey

The Town of Harwich requests your views on open space and recreation priorities. This survey will take about 4 minutes to complete. Your response is important. Please return the survey in the drop boxes on election day, to any Town Office, or via mail to "Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey", 732 Main Street, Harwich, MA 02645. Survey responses are requested by Friday, May 29th. Thank you.

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1. Do you want the Town of Harwich to spend money for acquisition of additional open space?  Yes  No

2. The Community Preservation Act authorizes collection of funds for use on community preservation projects in Harwich. How important are each of the following eligible activities for expenditure of those funds?

|  | Important | Neutral | Not Important |
|--|-----------|---------|---------------|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation  | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing   | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Open space – acquisition of additional land                        | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Open space - debt service payments on<br>previously purchased land | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| e. <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation   | _____     | _____   | _____         |

3. In preserving open space, how important are each of the following?

|   | Important | Neutral | Not Important |
|---|-----------|---------|---------------|
| a. Scenic vistas                                    | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| b. Wildlife habitat and travel corridors            | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| c. Green spaces in villages                         | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| d. Undeveloped fields and woodlands                 | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| e. Wetland buffers, stream buffers and vernal pools | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| f. Water supply protection areas                    | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| g. Trail corridors                                  | _____     | _____   | _____         |
| h. Active recreation areas                          | _____     | _____   | _____         |

4. To preserve open spaces in town would you consider or support (mark all that apply):

- a.  Contributing land to the town for conservation purposes
- b.  Contributing land to a conservation trust
- c.  Selling land to the town at a reduced price (a charitable contribution for tax purposes)
- d.  Donating money to buy land
- e.  Voting for town-supported land acquisition
- f.  Selling or contributing a conservation restriction on your undeveloped property (restricts development in perpetuity)
- g.  None of the above

5. What new or expanded recreational facilities would you like to see constructed in Harwich (mark up to six choices):

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|--|---|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Beaches                  | i. <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood parks  |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Bike trails              | j. <input type="checkbox"/> Public access to fresh and salt water bodies and shorelines |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks                | k. <input type="checkbox"/> Signage and parking in support of above public access       |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic areas             | l. <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool (indoor)                                      |
| e. <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s play areas    | m. <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts   |
| f. <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic fields          | n. <input type="checkbox"/> Town landings   |
| g. <input type="checkbox"/> Golf course              | o. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |
| h. <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking and skiing trails | p. <input type="checkbox"/> None  |

6. Please check the ONE item below that describes your living situation in Harwich.

- a.  Full-time resident                      b.  Part-time resident                      c.  Part-time non-resident