

2022 Shelburne OPEN SPACE and RECREATION

COMMUNITY SURVEY



Fifteen minutes of your time answering this survey will help bring new grant money into our community and provide the recreation opportunities you would like to see in Shelburne! We want to hear from you about Shelburne's priorities for recreation and open space.

The Town of Shelburne, through its Open Space Committee and Recreation Committee, is preparing to update its expired 2014 **Open Space and Recreation Plan**. Having an updated and approved plan is necessary in order to apply for some state grant funds to maintain, upgrade, and enhance facilities. Having an updated plan will help the Town make strategic decisions about the use of open land in Shelburne **and how we can provide recreational opportunities for community members of all ages and abilities.**

Resources in Shelburne serve residents of all ages and income levels. Keep this in mind as you think about your own needs and the needs of others in town.

If you prefer to take the survey online, you can access it here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShelburneOSRP>. Please return completed paper surveys to the **Shelburne town hall** or by mail to: Shelburne Open Space Committee, Shelburne Town Hall, 51 Bridge Street, Shelburne MA 01370

Thank you! - The Shelburne Open Space Committee and the Shelburne Recreation Committee

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OPEN SPACE

Answers to the following questions will help us understand **open space priorities** for the community.

1. How important is it to you to preserve the rural and agricultural character of Shelburne?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

2. Open space in this survey refers to undeveloped land (fields, forests and wetlands, etc.) with particular conservation, recreation, or scenic interest. These can be public or privately owned. How important is it to you to conserve these natural and scenic resources?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
Gravel roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving scenic views	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining open fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stone walls/cellar holes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining farmland as open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rivers and streams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ponds and wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife migration corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pollinator habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working forests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large blocks of forest for habitat, biodiversity, and mitigating climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean drinking water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean air	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dark skies at night	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Publicly accessible trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public areas in Shelburne Falls village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving and maintaining historical buildings/spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limiting visible development on ridgelines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. How important is it for Shelburne to move forward on the following open space protection measures?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
The Town should purchase or accept donation of conservation land(s).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town should make changes to the Shelburne zoning law to promote open space protection.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Town should accept conservation easement(s) on land (property would remain on the tax rolls).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. How important are the following strategies in the face of climate change?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
Preserve forests to absorb and store carbon, and to provide shade during hot weather.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plant trees and other vegetation in village areas to provide shade during hot weather and to reduce and treat stormwater runoff.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase access to rivers to give people refuge from hot weather.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acquire land or limit development through zoning to protect floodplain corridors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect a variety of open space to maintain animal corridors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve forests along streams to preserve coldwater fish habitat.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve pollinator corridors in town to promote pollinator insects and bird life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve farmland to maintain the local food system.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. What is your top interest or concern about open space in the town of Shelburne?

6. Please list any specific areas in town that you feel should be protected, kept natural, or acquired for recreation or open space purposes.

Location:

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

7. Do you own land in Shelburne that you would like to open up for public use with tax benefits and without liability, or have preserved as open space? (if you answer yes, please contact the Shelburne Open Space Committee at openspace@townofshelburnema.gov)

- Yes
- No

8. Shelburne is located on land that was formerly part of Nipmuc, Pocumtuc, Mohican, and Wabanaki homelands (<https://native-land.ca/>). How interested are you in having the town recognize the indigenous heritage of the land when thinking about open space protection in town?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not interested
- Not sure

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RECREATION

Answers to the following questions will help us understand **recreation priorities** for Shelburne residents.

9. Which of the following recreational activities do members of your household do in, or near, Shelburne? Please select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATVing/off-road motor sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing, cross-country |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton | <input type="checkbox"/> Gym workout | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing, downhill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling, electric | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling, mountain | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling, road | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating/Ice hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdwatching/nature observation | <input type="checkbox"/> Paddling (canoeing/kayaking/stand-up paddleboarding) | <input type="checkbox"/> Street hockey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography (landscape & nature) | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnics | <input type="checkbox"/> Tai chi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cornhole | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Croquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Ping pong/table tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Frisbee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing/social dances | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf | <input type="checkbox"/> River tubing | <input type="checkbox"/> Wading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/jogging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest bathing/relaxation | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | | |

Other (please specify)

10. How often do you use the following open space and recreational resources that are open to the public in town?

	Often	Occasionally	Never	I don't know about this resource
In Shelburne Falls village:				
Buckland Elementary School: playground, fields, sledding hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms Academy ballfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cowell Gym inside facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cowell Gym outside facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pothole viewing area (Deerfield St; now town-owned)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice skating at 111 Bridge St.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open lot on the corner of Bridge & Deerfield St. (formerly Singley building site; on lease to Town)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms Cemetery (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bridge of Flowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The park at Water and Main St (site of farmer's market; church owned)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling Alley (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelburne village tree & historic sites walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outside of Shelburne Falls village:				
High Ledges (MassAudubon)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Tower Trails (private open to public hiking & state lands)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserving and maintaining historical buildings/spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limiting visible development on ridgelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Sunburn Beach" (Deerfield River near confluence with North River; now state-owned)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Little Mohawk Field on Mercy Anderson Rd off Little Mohawk Rd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wilcox Hollow river beach/fishing/boating access area (owned by an energy company)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wooded Loop Trail (private open to public hiking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit picking (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chip & Putt golf (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Which of the following would you like to see expanded, improved, or created in Shelburne? Please select the appropriate columns for the resources you are interested in, and identify your highest priorities. If you are not interested in a resource you do not need to fill in a bubble.

	Expand	Improve	Create	High priority
Buckland Elementary School playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build a new town-owned playground not on the school grounds and accessible during school hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike paths or trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike racks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking or walking trails in/from village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to the Deerfield River for swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to the Deerfield River for floating or boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to the Deerfield River for hiking, walking, or fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Viewing the Deerfield River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to view the Potholes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-leash dog walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-leash dog walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sledding hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADA accessible places and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Athletic fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis, pickleball & basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cowell Gym activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small parks in village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-country ski trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit picking (private)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboarding park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Table tennis (ping pong)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disc golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Expand	Improve	Create	High priority
Bocce courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor chess	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climbing wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yoga	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meditation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guided and self- guided nature walks or hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

12. What are your top 1-2 priorities for recreation in Shelburne?

13. The Town of Shelburne currently offers recreational activities such as baseball, basketball, ice skating, senior walk (indoors), softball, tennis, pickleball, and volleyball. Would you or a family member participate in any of the following recreation activities currently not offered by Shelburne?

	I definitely would participate	I might participate	I probably would not participate	I would not participate
Fitness; aerobics; yoga; etc.				
Nature walks; guided hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Card games; board games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dances (make suggestions in "other" category below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kickball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preschool play group at the Cowell Gym	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book club; reading groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street hockey (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Badminton (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

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ABOUT YOU

Your answers to these questions will help us understand what preferences different populations (new or long-time residents, youth or seniors, etc.) have.

14. Select the option that best describes you.

- Renter in Shelburne
- Own a farm in Shelburne
- Homeowner in Shelburne
- Seasonal resident
- Own property in Shelburne, but do not live in Shelburne
- Own a business in Shelburne
- Work in Shelburne
- Other (please specify)

15. In what part of the town of Shelburne do you live or own property? (Select one)

- Shelburne Falls village area (Shelburne side)
- In Shelburne, but outside of the Shelburne Falls village area
- I do not live in or own property in the Town of Shelburne
- Other (please specify)

16. What is your street address? (to make sure we get responses from all over town)

17. How many years have you lived or owned property in Shelburne? (Select one)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than 5 years | <input type="radio"/> Seasonal resident |
| <input type="radio"/> 5-10 years | <input type="radio"/> More than 20 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 11-20 years | <input type="radio"/> Not applicable |

18. Please use the blanks to write the number of people in each of the following age groups in your household.

0-10 years old	<input type="text"/>
11-18 years old	<input type="text"/>
19-29 years old	<input type="text"/>
30-44 years old	<input type="text"/>
45-64 years old	<input type="text"/>
65+ years old	<input type="text"/>

19. What are the best ways for you to receive information about open space and recreation issues?

- Town website
- Email
- The Greenfield Recorder Newspaper
- Town e-newsletter
- Public access TV (Falls Cable)
- Social media
- Other (please specify)

20. If you would like to be notified of Shelburne Recreation programming, please include your email address here:

Thank you for your time! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Open Space Committee at Openspace@TownofShelburneMA.gov.