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- 10 we had a plan and implemented it
- 10 Tons of trails with maps and parking, great maps,
- 10 There was no 11
- 10 The open space is accessible, well marked and well maintained.
- 10 No other town in this area has protected land as well as well have.
- 10 My family uses these spaces all the time
- 10 lots of choices
- 10 I use Falmouth trails and open spaces daily. Spaces are well maintained and continue to grow through land acquisitions while balancing business and residential development.
- 10 I think the trails and open space are well maintained and beautiful recreational areas that promote health and wellness locally.
- 10 I love them and use them daily
- 10 I love the trail systems here and use them daily, my husband uses them for biking.
- 10 I know where they are
- 10 I dont know
- 10 Great network of trails, solid effort to reach all areas of town, superb land management plans.

- 10 Clearly effort has gone into preserving our open space.
- 10 Because there is a lot of accessible enjoyable Open Space throughout the town.
- 10 Because the current amount is enough, actually more than r enough.
- 10 because it always fun der.
- 10 Because I love open spaces
- 10 Because I love having access to an extensive trail network at the end of my street. It's the number one reason I'll stay in Falmouth following college graduation.
- 10 Because I believe strongly in open space, for both town residents and wildlife; NOT in building so DENSELY on town land that it becomes the CITY OF FALMOUTH!!!
- 10 because
- 10 bc its pretty and nice
- 10 Although the open space in Falmouth is great, it has created a shortage of buildable lots.
- 10 1. Connectedness. The fact that so many of our open spaces are connected by trails continues to astound and humble me. This was in-place before I arrived, so I don't know how the town did it. However it happened, thank you! 2. Amount. The size of our open spaces, both individually and in aggregate, is fantastic. 3. Access. We have so many options to access a diversity of space. From Mackworth to North Falmouth forest, there's something for - and close to - everybody.

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- 9 access and options
- 9 Because Falmouth is doing a great job of providing and maintaining public open spaces, and keeping the town healthy and green.
- 9 Because I have immediate access to trails. When I went to community fields for soccer drop off - I had access to trails. If I am wasting time around the school - I have access to trails. In other words - I use the trail systems and have access in various locations where I frequent(ed).

- 9 Because I think the town is doing a great job, but I'm sure there is at least one point of improvement -- even though I don't know what it is :)
- 9 Because I think they're great

9 Because of the improvements made in the 15 years I've lived in Falmouth. I was able to find hiking trail maps on the Falmouth website when we moved here in 2003, since the trail connections and effort to make public have been well done and should continue.

9 Because they're great like Tony the Tiger

9 Best is perfection and we are not quite there yet.

9 Cause nothing's perfect but it's great!

9 Clean and good parks

9 Diverse, widespread, well managed, nice trails, scenic, allows traditional uses such as hunting and snowmobiling, interconnected and not over regulated.

9 Extensive tracts protected and excellent trail network

9 Falmouth has amazing open spaces. It is the primary reason we moved to Falmouth (as opposed to Yarmouth, Cumberland, etc). I use at least one of the open spaces almost every day, if not every day. I truly appreciate Falmouth's emphasis on protecting open space and the character of the town.

9 Falmouth has done a good job to translate opportunities into on-the-ground trails, community participation, and other open-space attributes. The town's establishment and support of the 'ombudsman' position is a major factor.

9 Falmouth has lots of open spaces, but could always have more.

9 Falmouth's current open spaces are well-maintained, diverse, and extensive. In particular, we applaud Bob Shafto and his team for their work in development of the Cross Town Trail.

9 Great great use of open space but as some trails are overused, some dedicated maintenance would be good

9 great work, more sidewalks, bike paths etc would really boost things.

9 Hey, people come from all over the area and beyond to hike our trails and use our open space. its a jewel in the sense that we have created a community that will, no matter the future development, have large areas of special land that was protected for the use of all. That's cool.

9 I feel that the town has quite of bit of open space and seems to meet the needs of our town and the people who live here. The trail system is awesome and seems to balance everyone's needs.

9 I find the diversity of hiking trails to be a strong point.

9 I haven't been here very long, but the trails are an amazing place to get away from everything. Its very relaxing. The open spaces give people an opportunity to relax.

9 I love that the spaces are throughout town and appreciate the variety/mix.

9 I moved to Falmouth in 2002 and I have and continue to be impressed by the town services, the athletic field systems and all the parks that make it such a great place to raise a family. We don't use the spaces as much now that we are older and our kids have grown but its important for the next generation to have some connection to nature and open spaces.

9 I personally feel as though there are many places I can go to be outside. I walk/run/bike through; the Presumpscot trails, Macworth island, the Community Fields, Hadlock Forest, and the Foreside trails, very regularly and feel as though each day there is something new to discover. I love the feeling of peace and serenity I can have just outside my door or a quick drive from my house. A big thank you to those who helped conserve Falmouth. It is greatly appreciated.

9 I think the town is doing a good job overall

9 I think they are good.

9 I use and enjoy them often

9 I utilize the Presumpscot River for whitewater rafting/kayaking and flatwater kayaking/canoeing and Casco Bay for sea kayaking and both for fly fishing. I trail run and mountain bike on the Presumpscot River Trail and elsewhere. These are underutilized, incredible resources and is largely why I have lived in Falmouth since 1995. I'd likely have rated a 10 if I had more comprehensive knowledge of all of Falmouth's open spaces.

9 I'd just like to see more about getting folks out to the open areas for free.

9 It is good to see more land being preserved and to have access to many different areas around town.

9 Its pretty good, but not amazing

9 Love the recent additions to trail systems, and the connections (& planned connections) to other towns' systems

9 Plenty of access, relatively unknown.

9 some properties are hidden gems

9 the goal of connecting open spaces to traverse in and around the town is brilliant! Although we must continue to be diligent and provide the highest level of safety.

9 The parks are beautiful, safe, and well maintained.

9 The Town has worked hard to provide open spaces throughout the area. Continuation of that plan is healthy and very beneficial to all even those who just drive to Falmouth to take advantage of what we have available.

9 The Town of Falmouth does a very good job preserving open space and combined with the Falmouth Land Trust provides the opportunity for people get out into nature fairly easily.

9 The trail systems in western side of Falmouth are wonderful for a wide variety of uses.

9 The trails and Audubon are nice and I enjoy walking through them.

9 There seem to be a lot of acreage under preservation.

9 They are great

9 We have a fair amount, distributed nicely throughout town, and they are well maintained

9 We have had the incredible foresight and continued commitment to open space and natural areas that help us establish great stature and reputation in our region. It is essential to keep building on this as appropriate well into the future.

9 We think we have plenty of open space and want to see it well used and maintained.

9 well-managed, safe

8 They are good but it would be nice if they were larger. And more connected. Especially near the coast, the open space preserve's near the preschool and the phone the forest and town landing beach are all wonderful but very small. In western Falmouth there are some big tracks of land but it would be really wonderful to get some bigger connected areas for longer hikes on in the areas near Route one and route 88.

8 8 is pretty good, but we could have more.

8 as a municipality, i think Falmouth has done a very good job using resources at its diposal to protect open space. i think it should do even more and it needs to do a better job educating the public about why its important to do and why it is important to have a strong land trust in town.

8 Based on the idea of it. I need to learn more.

8 Because it could be better

8 because they are not commonly known about

8 Because they are wonderful, but improvements can always be made and additional open spaces would be great along with more knowledge of them.

8 Because they could be better but they are pretty good

- 8 Because they're still there
- 8 Can always improve, and times will change
- 8 Casco Bay
- 8 Excellent open space and access
- 8 Falmouth does have a great network of trails that stretch from the Coast to the West of town
- 8 Falmouth has a good amount of space.
- 8 Falmouth offers a lot of different open spaces. you can decide what you want to do
- 8 Great work in making these spaces available.
- 8 Has done a good job.
- 8 high, but with room for improvement
- 8 Historically the town seemed pretty willing to build on open spaces it controlled. Now things are better.
- 8 I don't know enough about them to rate them higher
- 8 I don't know the whole town but the part where I live has very good open spaces.
- 8 I enjoy the open spaces but may not have utilized all of them. It's an important element of Falmouth that needs to be preserved.
- 8 I gave it an 8 because there is a lot of open space in Falmouth.
- 8 I gave this score because there has been significant thought and achievement in getting the initial corridor of open space properties.
- 8 I have easy access to open space (private and public) nearby and can enjoy more distant, open spaces. I think it's great that there is some connectivity of our open spaces and it is a priority to develop connectivity (e.g., cross Falmouth trail)
- 8 I have never had a problem with it.
- 8 I have walked in several of the open space areas in Falmouth over the last two months. I am delighted that Falmouth is actively maintaining open areas for recreational, educational and scientific uses. I worked in a city in California that maintained about one-quarter of the city as open space. It is an unfair comparison; however, as the amount of land Falmouth is preserving for open space grows, my number will increase
- 8 I have walked several open spaces and land trust properties and find that while the trails may be a bit tricky in maneuvering, they are extensive and delightful.
- 8 I like our open spaces and think we can add even more....
- 8 I like our open spaces but there is always room for improvement. Perhaps something more family oriented. To help improve community spirit. I have lived all over the world and although we have many wonderful families in our community, I have also never witnessed so many self absorbed people too.
- 8 I love the trails and town landing!
- 8 I think for the most part it is good but could use more work.
- 8 I think it is good
- 8 I think it's doing great! I've lived here three years and am very impressed with what is available.
- 8 I think the town does a good job with their resources but has some room for improvement
- 8 I think they are pretty good, but I wish the rules were less strict.
- 8 I think they're great and would love to see more
- 8 I very much enjoy Falmouth's open spaces. I would like to have a place to let the dogs run without a leash. Also, in the forested sections, I am sometimes concerned about trees or tree branches that have partially fallen and present a hazard to people and dogs moving under them.

8 I would give it a higher score if I knew precisely what other towns do.
8 I'd like more concentration on biking trails. Not necessarily just mtn biking but road bike type smooth and off traffic.
8 Idk
8 Info available to falmouth citizens about trail net work, natural spaces are protected, and we have a acquired more over the past 10 years
8 It appears to me that Falmouth is doing a very good job at this, but I am not in a position to compare it to other similar communities.
8 It looks nice most of the time, but there is garbage most of the time
8 It's better than 99% of southern maine towns, but not the best (I think Scarborough might win that one, but only due to their location and the work of others (TNC, Audubon, etc).)
8 It's good.
8 It's great, but could use improvement.
8 Keeping and preserving the open spaces that have been created are a perfect amount.
8 Lots of open spaces and trails
8 Love that they are maintained so well and that there are so many options
8 many parcels to visit, trail systems throughout town
8 More work is needed in the developed sections
8 N/A
8 Parking areas are sometimes filled with snow Signage is not always clear or available Map of public lands is often unclear as to direction and location
8 pretty good
8 Right now - the Town has done a great job with the open space, but I'm concerned with some recently proposed housing developments in town that could drastically increase our density, and cut into potential open space.
8 Some excellent trails and well preserved
8 Some of the trails need more clearing
8 The open spaces are pretty, peaceful, and good places to go to be isolated.
8 The town has done an admiral job...
8 The variety of spaces and amount of spaces is excellent. Trail marking is generally very well maintained. Thanks for the good work thus far.
8 There are a good number of trails, and open spaces- the Town Landing beach area needs improvement!
8 They are great but I'm sure they could be better.
8 They are great spaces and well managed--we still have a ways to go to get to a "10"
8 Very adequate open spaces now.
8 We have a lot of nature preserves but not enough.
8 We have done well, but can always do better. Have to think 50, 100 years from now... and beyond

8 We have great trails and the community park isn't excellent. I would prefer that hunting not be allowed from a safety standpoint though.
8 We have lovely open spaces that promote health and beauty
8 We have only lived here for 5 months, so we yet to explore all the conservation land. I am basing my opinion on the comparison to the community that we moved from in Massachusetts.

8 We have wonderful open spaces but the mountain bikes on Blackstrap Hill are worrisome.
8 We have wonderful open spaces please do not limit this open space with huge developments

8 What i see is fine
8 What little I know is all good.
8 Wonderful work being done but no other open spaces from other towns to compare it to.

7 (a) Town seems to want to turn everything into parking lots. (b) Despite existence of bike lanes along routes 88 and 1 (and perhaps elsewhere), there really isn't a viable and safe bike system

7 Actively protecting land but not enough.

7 because

7 because it's good :)

7 because near me are both Audubon and Macworth Island

7 Because of missed opportunities, because of the current projects that are being proposed in my extended neighborhood, because this land should all belong to the Native Americans anyway.

7 Because, I can.

7 Better than Westbrook.

7 Cause

7 Concerns about safety of hikers and mountain bikers.

7 Falmouth has a good amount of open space for a suburb of Portland. Still, the open spaces available on the Foreside are small (compared to West Falmouth open spaces) -- it would be nice to have additional trails available closer.

7 Falmouth is a good school, better than my old school

7 Good land has been conserved but primarily thru the efforts of a very few individuals. Need leadership from council & staff.

7 good open space planning concept but needs to take care of details in management. Did not like the sewage spreading trick played on voters.

7 Good open spaces, but feel disorganized.

7 Good solid commitment, good recent expansions, good commitment to future growth

7 I always want more open spaces!

7 I am more concerned about private space and the current zoning changes than open space. No amount of open space corrects the issues that the new zoning has created!

7 I don't know

7 I don't know many of the open spaces.

7 I feel it's pretty good but it could be better

7 I feel they are used well and that there is no need for any other major projects right now.

7 I think some of our open spaces are very good (e.g. Underwood park), but I also think there's a lack of awareness of a lot of them.

7 I think there's a good number of trails having a variety of scenery (wooded, river-side, etc).

7 Lack of personal awareness of town open space

7 Limited knowledge

7 Limited waterfront spaces!

7 Macworth, parks off 88, and Blackstrap Trails are great & high function

7 More signage and public education of the amazing opportunities that already exist. Also increase connectivity between open spaces

7 N/a

7 Need to be better labeled/identified as well as maintained.

7 Nice recreation for fit users. Preserve access to waterways and fishing. Collaboration with other communities to expand network. Nice neighbors allowing access. Thanks neighbors.

- 7 Not that many places
- 7 Not very diverse
- 7 Public library
- 7 Some of the space area remote and not easily accessible. Most are natural wood land and not developed for any organized use.
- 7 There are several very important open spaces, including the Nature Preserve and F4.
- 7 There are 47 parcels of land under either Town ownership and/or Land Trust management. Some are very small & somewhat inaccessible. The relationship between the Town and FLT w/r/t all the properties is muddy, not well understood. Perhaps it's time to take a hard look at the parcels, whether they really meet the open space "definition", document who owns/manages what and why.

- 7 There aren't that many "open spaces" besides the Community Parks Fields
- 7 There is a development going in in our neighborhood and we know nothing about it.
- 7 Too little value given to the acquisition or preservation of small pockets of open space in densely populated areas. Difficult to walk or bike to larger tracts of open space, as connecting roads often lack sidewalks or sufficient shoulders.
- 7 volume open space
- 7 We could use more open spaces.
- 7 We have some great open spaces.
- 7 We have some really great open spaces that are expanding but so is new development to take them over, specifically residential development.

- 6 Available spaces are beautiful and well maintained. Still VERY far from what town residents desire. We should be an overwhelmingly desirable location for outdoor enthusiasts.

- 6 Because I feel it is average
- 6 Because it is a hodge podge of spaces cobbled together with no over-arching theme.
- 6 Better than average, but not as good as other places in which I have lived.
- 6 From my experience it does a "better-than-average" job
- 6 Good but room for improvement
- 6 I don't agree with a few pieces of property that was bought for such a high price.
- 6 I dont know
- 6 I don't know much about the system but the trails near my house are pretty good.
- 6 I feel our current open space parks are good but there is room for improvement.
- 6 I think Falmouth has lots of open space, but it also has lots of neighborhoods.
- 6 I think there has been some effort to slow development; however, it seems that huge chunks of land are now being targeted for development. Do we really want to lose one of our best assets: nature?

- 6 I want to learn more about open space is being preserved
- 6 ldk
- 6 Improving the ability to move around town without a car is key currently town center / schools are focused on car travel if individuals including kids want to transport to/from school or town center it is daunting
- 6 its fun
- 6 I've been places with better open spaces.
- 6 Lack of awareness of what we have
- 6 Lots of good things, but also some very conspicuous screw ups. Route 1 looks like a carnival. "Rivalries ????" Why ??

6 My family hikes on the trails and uses the public boat ramps and town fields.
6 Not great, but not bad.
6 open spaces are still limited in falmouth
6 restrictive dog policy over bird people
6 Some trails are not inter connected and if this land was denied development then there could be more trails stretching all the way to Falmouth Hannfords and beyond.
6 The new zoning in the designated 'growth areas' will have a negative impact on Falmouth's open spaces
6 There are some but there could be so much more.
6 There could be more open spaces
6 There fine.
6 They are ok
6 They are okay, but I feel like either not many people use them or want to use them or are informed about them.
6 They're well taken care of, but could be utilized much better.
6 Too much of the same
6 We could be doing much better - acquiring more land and improving access to the land is critical.

5 Because i dont personally use the open spaces in falmouth that much, other than town landing.
5 Because I don't really know
5 Because I have no idea how good the open spaces are
5 Because I would like to see more open spaces preserved.
5 Because its crowded
5 Because there isn't anything remarkable
5 because we have enough space but we shouldnt keep filling it up
5 Disagree with how the question is stated
5 Don't know enough about the issue.
5 Have little comparison
5 I don't know much about the open spaces.
5 i don't know that we HAVE open spaces
5 i dont really know any of the opean spaces but i know we have them
5 I grew up in a town, Lincoln MA., which is a forerunner in creating conservation land. They saw the value of green space for all the reasons listed in question 12 back in the 1950's. We have lacked that foresight and instead have given away opportunities to big box stores, etc. We have not prioritized the establishment of green spaces in the way we should have.
5 I honestly do not avail myself all that the town does offer
5 It has its flaws
5 It's ehh
5 It's good, not great, and somewhat limited.
5 Maintenance and improvement of all trails and spaces could be better - would like to see running trails.
5 N/A
5 not sure, hardly use them
5 not that many parks
5 not very familiar
5 see #16

- 5 The amount of open space is not constant. There are areas that are extremely rural and other areas that are over-packed/dense.
- 5 There are less and less
- 5 There is a lot of open space in terms of places to go
- 5 They are too "hidden" and not known to people.
- 5 Things look good now but wait a decade.
- 5 Very little information available
- 5 Water very difficult to access in Falmouth, on lakes and ocean.
- 5 We don't necessarily have that much open space and we also don't use it as much as we could

- 5 We have various parks, but not one where people from all parts of town can come and have fun. Nowhere for fireworks.
- 5 YEET

- 4 For a community on the coast of Maine, there is very little public access, that is a crime! Look to towns like Camden and Castine where there are many public parks and landings to use. Falmouth could have that type of access for it's citizens if they started decades ago. Town Landing is really NOT that accessible unless you are close enough to walk there!
- 4 cuz yall succ
- 4 I see other towns better controlling growth
- 4 idk
- 4 idk
- 4 It's quite limited, but of nice quality
- 4 TBD
- 4 There is little awareness of the "open spaces" available to the public.
- 4 We go to Cumberland often, as they have more and better maintained trails.

- 3 Because I do not know of these places
- 3 People don't know , understand, or partake enough in what the reasons, resources and benefits to All are.....including facts about why preserving is important. Take a different approach so more people will show more interest.
- 3 So many reasons
- 3 The one we visited was not well marked and we got lost in the woods.
- 3 We do a pretty good job!
- 3 We have open space but we use to for the most non useful things like why build apartments between a church and cut down the trees or build a spur that no one would listen to.

- 2 I'm not really aware of the open spaces of which you speak - Underwood park is an under-utilized field used once annually for the Halloween Parade. The Audobon is wonderful. Mackworth is wonderful but with almost no parking. The Nature Preserve is lovely but with very poor signage. And those are the only areas I am familiar with.
- 2 setback changes jamming more houses into denser development
- 2 thats what it deserves
- 2 The only open spaces I know have changed since the zoning laws changed.
- 2 You ha e preserved a lot of land with trails for multi use in West Falmouth.

- 1 Ahead of other towns

1 I hate

1 Nope

1 open space is useless when you changed the lot densities in 2016. I do not want to look at my neighbor's lot that he subdivides into postage stamps with houses so he could increase his property value and sell and move out.

1 The town has approved and issued too many building permits.

1 yeah

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n/a I am not sufficiently familiar with enough of the open spaces to comment or rate.

n/a Worst or best vs. ??? Sorry, would need to have a clear basis for comparison.