

Q1 What do you like most about the draft plan?

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1	I like that the plan specifically identifies that land should be preserved for the public and for wildlife.	6/26/2018 11:13 PM
2	I like that it wants to protect open space and create more.	6/26/2018 8:58 PM
3	I like acquiring as much land as possible. Once it becomes developed you can't go back. Educating the public and engaging all ages in the use of these open spaces is important. Keeping it pristine is key.	6/26/2018 7:45 PM
4	A new iteration of "The Greening of Falmouth" is great! Especially since the 2017 survey showed most people knew nothing about it. Best way to ensure everyone is thinking and talking about the concept of open space, and that future council members can be reminded of and held to the wishes of the town's residents. Also the "Open Space Rating Guide" and Connecting Properties Rating Form" look like they will acquire valuable information.	6/26/2018 7:11 PM
5	Thoroughness, consideration given to role of open space protection as a tool in land use policy. Consideration of both "growth" and "rural" areas. Recommendation to maintain 30% RCZO set aside in growth area and generally pointing out the value of open/green space even in growth and commercial areas.	6/26/2018 4:02 PM
6	It addresses the most important reasons for preserving open space. Of greatest interest to me: Utilize Open Space Acquisition as a Land Use Growth Management Tool • Ensure the Utility and Longevity of Open Spaces Through Good Management Falmouth Nature Preserve has done a particularly fine job in acquisition of important areas.	6/26/2018 3:31 PM
7	Focus on recreation and access to public spaces. Commitment to development of public spaces	6/26/2018 2:42 PM
8	I like the part about making sure these plans connect to the Bike/Ped Plan. I see how survey respondents rank highest the "recreation" part, but we need to keep focusing on greening the town in all ways -- and traffic/congestion and unhealthy air/pollution is something that should be factored in. Driving to a trailhead makes no sense to me. We need bikeable/walkable links among all of this.	6/26/2018 2:23 PM
9	Falmouth is just starting to come to terms with the fact that we are no longer a farming community. We need to preserve open space as farming will no long provide it.	6/26/2018 1:39 PM
10	I like that the 2016 Bike/pedestrian plan was referenced	6/26/2018 1:34 PM
11	Emphasis on preservation and acquisition of open space in Falmouth. I'm relieved we even have a plan and that there are people actively engaged in keeping the rural character of Falmouth.	6/26/2018 12:33 PM
12	It seems very focussed and organised - a focus on connecting existing open spaces seems to be an important goal.	6/26/2018 12:22 PM
13	leveraging land acquisition as a growth management tool.	6/11/2018 10:36 PM
14	All of it was great. I liked that it provided detailed information about Falmouth's Open Space.	6/10/2018 9:27 AM
15	well done in addressing goals.	6/8/2018 4:47 PM
16	Not much - when is there enough open space? Should there not be some limit incorporated in this plan?	6/7/2018 3:25 PM
17	I like everything in the plan because it tries to keep open space.	6/7/2018 1:03 PM
18	Good evolution of OS goals relative to 2006 plan. Current goals focus more on management and education. Very surprised that so few were acquainted with 2006 plan	6/6/2018 11:16 AM
19	it is very well written and set up in a manner that is easy to follow and understand the different goals of the plan.	6/5/2018 10:55 AM
20	Broad based and includes various community needs not just a few peoples idea of what open space should be.	6/5/2018 9:54 AM
21	The clear statement of the plans goals and methods to achieve them.	6/5/2018 9:48 AM

22	The dedication to preserving open space in Falmouth.	6/4/2018 5:40 PM
23	walking trails connecting sections	6/4/2018 5:29 PM
24	I was happy to see that undeveloped parcels have been identified and that someone will speak with the land owners about preservation. This is very important. Field Road and Woodville Road need to be preserved! I liked the concept of having some open space near all residents. I live in "The Flats" and having some natural space nearby is very important.	6/4/2018 5:17 PM
25	That Falmouth folks care about the environment and are willing to speak up and pay up when necessary...I am worried by the takeover on TL Road of AirBnB's...	6/4/2018 5:09 PM
26	Commitment to open space, preserving community fields, encouragement of private land to not have excess building, and divert noisy traffic by eliminating spur toll.	6/4/2018 4:19 PM
27	I really appreciated how the plan detailed the fiscal importance of conserved open space (counteracting the developed land=increased revenue argument). This could be important for some people. I also liked seeing accessibility for those with disabilities being a priority.	6/4/2018 3:39 PM
28	It shows significant increases in land protected from development.	6/4/2018 3:31 PM

Q2 What would you change in the draft plan?

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1	If there are any proposed development plans (like the recent one for contract zoning in West Falmouth), they should be identified openly with the town.	6/26/2018 11:13 PM
2	It would be great to create more open space in the Growth areas.	6/26/2018 8:58 PM
3	I feel the draft plan is well developed and has a good vision for Falmouth	6/26/2018 7:45 PM
4	It's a little bit repetitious of the background information. I would make the goals and strategies more central and highlight them more boldly.	6/26/2018 7:11 PM
5	More open space and trailways/safe passageways for non-vehicle traffic in Falmouth foreside- a very dense neighborhood with few open spaces	6/26/2018 6:00 PM
6	There seems to be a blending/conflating of the concepts of stewardship and management. This is a trap that the Council has run into the past. When one speaks of management, for many it is about the management of the flora--the trees. Our management plans for most properties don't fully address stewardship though in a few cases they are hybrids. Stewardship plans are needed distinct from management. This Open Space Plan/Greening of Falmouth Part Two could also be clearer about stewardship and how it does or doesn't differ from management.	6/26/2018 4:02 PM
7	Parts that re redundant. Seems as if the plan could be more compact.	6/26/2018 3:31 PM
8	Greater recreational opportunities for children and young adults (need to encourage activities for a young population). Linking aspects of plan, in particular interconnected trails (and not only in rural areas), with safe pedestrian, bike and bus commenting - a major health and livelihood benefit. Could, for example, the new developments at the Falmouth Shopping Center be connected to the the Foreside Falmouth Forest Preserve - and ultimately through to Underwood Park and Town Landing, thus giving far greater access and opportunity for people to access the Foreside parks and recreation areas.	6/26/2018 2:42 PM
9	parts of it are repetitive (listed the 6 goals several times). Maybe also bold the biggest takeaways or have an Exec Summary to help busier folks read the whole thing.	6/26/2018 2:23 PM
10	I only scanned it. But if it is not in there more conection with parks and recreation to build facilities to augment the use of open spaces.	6/26/2018 1:39 PM
11	There should be more emphasis on Bike/Pedestrian planning, and a mention of mass transportation (I am thankful for Route 7 bus but it is still woefully inadequate). If we have to drive everywhere in separate cars it is destructive to the goals that were listed in the open space plan (pollution, wildlife strikes, need for more roads and parking and thereby more habitat loss, etc)	6/26/2018 1:34 PM
12	I attended the Town Meeting last night to discuss the Falmouth Center proposal. I couldn't tell if the draft plan included a close inspection of this proposal, a proposal which would dramatically alter the character of Falmouth as we know and love it, and would impact the wildlife habitat of the Falmouth Nature Preserve.	6/26/2018 12:33 PM
13	Signage is very important so that people can find the trails.	6/26/2018 12:22 PM
14	Make it half as long, more succinct. I had a hard time reading and digesting the whole thing.	6/19/2018 12:51 PM
15	Not much. Thank you for all the work that went into this project.	6/11/2018 10:36 PM
16	nothing	6/10/2018 9:27 AM
17	Nothing	6/8/2018 4:47 PM
18	Prepare the residents for the fact that the rest of the town is not going to become entirely open space and that we are probably getting close to a limit to maintain a reasonable balance between open and developed/developable land.	6/7/2018 3:25 PM
19	I would put in a paragraph dealing with the Falmouth Preserve trails, not allowing Falmouth Center or anyone else to connect the Preserve to other preserves and thus allowing many many people to tramp through.	6/7/2018 1:03 PM

20	Not much	6/6/2018 11:16 AM
21	I would like to see more definition when it comes to how the town and the trust operate together. I think it is still too confusing as to who does what and a more interconnected relationship, with the town paying for some staff at the Trust should be discussed.	6/5/2018 10:55 AM
22	Determine more narrowly what "development" means in the RCOZ. A land owner splitting off a lot that has been held for over five years to a family member should not have to jump through thousands of dollars of planning and approvals. Very unfair to saddle the rural landowner with the burden of keeping Falmouth green!	6/5/2018 9:54 AM
23	Nothing	6/5/2018 9:48 AM
24	Zoning changes in The Flats and on Middle Road have encouraged a lot of new building and expanding, making this area even more congested. ☹	6/4/2018 5:40 PM
25	The town might be more careful with pesticide use. I love the insects of Maine and Falmouth chose to spray for nonexistent browntail moth. Where I live on the East Branch of the Piscataqua we hit -30 degrees fahrenheit, (2017-18) that was enough to winter kill the dog rose, rosa multiflora on unprotected areas of my property...no herbicides needed. Also I'd never cut trees in the river and leave them to collect in huge erosion causing snags. To say my land is unprotected isn't true. I'm protecting it from the town's bad and thoughtless practices, including the past use of 24D	6/4/2018 5:29 PM
26	It's a great plan. Thanks for all your work.	6/4/2018 5:17 PM
27	I would strengthen protections and encourage concrete plans for combating climate change. Our home has been flooded by town sewage (poop) three times...hoping wastewater plant can handle this outrageous Falmouth Center being proposed by sketchy developers. Vetted?	6/4/2018 5:09 PM
28	Recreation going through private lands	6/4/2018 4:19 PM
29	More specifics on plans to improve water access would be great. This is a nice goal and one I hadn't considered, except in the abstract 'wouldn't it be nice...' way. However, this plan could say more about what types of properties should be targeted and for what specific purposes. I assume these properties could be more costly but also more valued and well-used should the town acquire them. They'd also require more in thought around access/transportation too though.	6/4/2018 3:39 PM
30	I realize this may be controversial but I think Falmouth has grown enough. I would strongly encourage continued increase in land protected from development.	6/4/2018 3:31 PM

Q3 What did we miss in the draft plan? What else should be discussed?

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1	Any development plans should be openly vetted. If a town council member stands to gain financially from a particular transaction, this should be openly disclosed. The person on town Council with a financial interest in the project should recuse themselves.	6/26/2018 11:13 PM
2	That the current opens spaces in the growth area will be destroyed if development is not done in a reasonable fashion. The protection of open space is in direct conflict with the current Falmouth Center proposal.	6/26/2018 8:58 PM
3	I really like the idea expressed in the plan about connecting the trails so it could be continuous and that most residents could walk easily to one in about 10 - 15 minutes.	6/26/2018 7:45 PM
4	You mentioned farms as part of your purview and also identifying properties that could be developed in the future. I didn't see specific mention of identifying aging farmers whose fields could be sold off for subdivisions by their descendants. Is there a way to identify such properties and plan for / proactively address that contingency?	6/26/2018 7:11 PM
5	See above about stewardship. Would be nice if the plan could speak a little more to the need for a recreation plan.	6/26/2018 4:02 PM
6	Dog-friendly open spaces for non-aggressive dogs.	6/26/2018 3:31 PM
7	as above	6/26/2018 2:42 PM
8	I think access to trails and using private/volunteer land where people may be willing to allow people to cross their land to get to a conserved parcel or trailhead could be a next step (having a voluntary database of properties and descriptions of how they're willing to let the public cross their land).	6/26/2018 2:23 PM
9	I would like to see more inclusion of Town Landing, the Falmouth anchorage and the Clapboard island preserve as part the overall plan	6/26/2018 1:39 PM
10	I think that the plan should also address playgrounds/athletic spaces in an integrated way with other open spaces. I am concerned about under-representation by adults 20-40 years on prior survey given they represent the young families in the area. Compared to the city of Portland, Falmouth does not have the shared spaces for families to come together and build community. Think of the Eastern Prom with its mixed use (biking trail, fields, playground, picnic areas, etc); we could replicate that with Underwood Park and 88 if we put in the resources.	6/26/2018 1:34 PM
11	I wish that in all matters considering open preserved spaces in Falmouth that we would consider the night sky. Light pollution and the lack of lighting ordinances decreases our connection with the vastness of the universe. One can't see the milky way on the Foreside. Wonder if there are places in Falmouth where we could see it. Why not try to preserve the night sky where we can? The new Falmouth Center proposal whose lighted soccer field will come as close as 25 feet to the FNP will adversely affect the wildlife there. The people advocating the plan last night were very careful to measure the distance from the field lights to the nearest human homes, but not the distance to the nearest owl's nest or fox den. Please consider advocating for light ordinances. And please protect the FNP from this rushed development. It is the only open space on the foreside.	6/26/2018 12:33 PM
12	Are there any disused railway lines that could be converted into open space? This could be an easy win for already connected open space.	6/26/2018 12:22 PM
13	Maintenance of the land is what i would like to see, such as, is there a way that the pollution being generated by the public use of these lands is being dealt with? also in these open space lands that we are acquiring that we are going in and putting in trail systems throughout are we making sure that the wildlife and their habitat are not getting over run by us humans and we are making sure there are food plots and ample lands available to the wildlife where they are not pressured by humans. I would also like to see a bigger input from the Town to help promote a cleaner Falmouth in all areas of Falmouth, Roadside, Streams, Rivers, Lakes, Oceans, Air and Land Thank you fro taking the time to make Falmouth a better place.	6/20/2018 9:41 AM
14	was watershed conservation, for both lakes and coastal waters, mentioned as a specific priority?	6/11/2018 10:36 PM

15	I think you captured everything very well	6/10/2018 9:27 AM
16	You missed any kind of economic impact statement. How much has the town already spent and how much does it intend to spend over the next ten years? What are the ramifications of all that acreage being off the tax rolls and becoming a cost rather than a revenue item in the budget process? With almost 20% of the entire town already in open space, when is enough, enough. Evaluate and include Falmouth's target percentages of the ultimate ideal balance between open space and the rest of the town.	6/7/2018 3:25 PM
17	See above.	6/7/2018 1:03 PM
18	Agree with education approach, as this is the key to future success of the OS program. Need to get this aspect in gear and identify future leaders for OS future success	6/6/2018 11:16 AM
19	is there a need for another referendum regarding funding for open space activities - acquisition, stewardship, etc	6/5/2018 10:55 AM
20	The parking at the open space sites is not good and sometimes dangerous. Increased usage by high speed mountain bikes on so many trails decreases the walkability for many residents. I would create a trail system in some areas that would separate allowable uses.	6/5/2018 9:54 AM
21	How Falmouth can partner with or leverage organizations such as The Nature Conservancy in achieving these goals.	6/5/2018 9:48 AM
22	The old "workforce housing" project seems to be coming back with a new name. It would build condos on open space next to the police station. What is the obsession with destroying this land. I love the sounds of the frogs and beauty of the lady slippers as I walk past. Isn't another site possible?	6/4/2018 9:45 PM
23	Reversing setback changes for Middle Road residents. 129 Middle Road	6/4/2018 5:40 PM
24	ideas that will allow new developments w/ 'set aside' acreage to have use and hold deeds for their own common land. The town might restrict the common land to garden space, tree growth and connecting trails. That way individuals will appreciate ownership and apply their own ideas. This is how to manage land and build community. Is it only OK for the country club? More ordinary homeowners might have equal or greater happiness. living in a state that creates laws through referendum the future will look at Falmouth's open space differently. Having a lot of private deeds will help prevent confiscation. Imagine Falmouth's carefully acquired open space suddenly part of the State's portfolio. Not music man phantasy trouble. I see that as an eventuality for easements held by different groups across the state... the state gives taxpayer funds to open space and so already has a foot in the door.	6/4/2018 5:29 PM
25	I don't think you missed much. I'm not much in favor of population growth in Falmouth but if we have to build, I'd like to see the density be in the commercial districts instead of chopping up all the wild land.	6/4/2018 5:17 PM
26	The disturbing plans for Falmouth Center...my family is 100% against it and believe it will DESTROY our town. Avarice and Greed are alive and well with the developers. what about the wetlands? What about loss of green spaces and heat absorbing cement? what about traffic???? We will fight this.	6/4/2018 5:09 PM
27	Dead end roads that can not be joined with major roads. This would keep neighborhoods preserved.	6/4/2018 4:19 PM
28	Expanding walkable access to nature in the growth areas is important (as cited by the plan). We're in one of those areas and yet the closest accessible property is a half mile away on two busy roads not friendly for pedestrians or bikers. There was not much here about transportation accessibility and I think this really needs to be tied into the discussion. Having more recreational open space accessible by walking-friendly (i.e. sidewalked) streets is key, especially along major arteries like Rt. 9, Middle Road, Rt. 88, and Falmouth Road where sidewalks are mostly missing.	6/4/2018 3:39 PM
29	I would revisit the very concept of growth in Falmouth. The pressures to expand the human imprint seems relentless. At what point is enough enough?	6/4/2018 3:31 PM