

Rating	What would improve your score?
10	a pool
10	Articles in the Forecaster with features/ updates on trails and led trips.
10	I think our open space is adequate.
10	just keep on keeping on :>
10	Maintenance of trails is great. Just keep doing what you're doing and add more space.
10	Making 11 an option
10	More open spaces
10	No improvement is needed. Falmouth open space is ample and humming along just fine.
10	nothing
10	nothing
10	nun.
10	Probably my scoring speaks for itself. I feel all involved should be proud of the outcomes.
10	You can't beat a "10". Keep it up!
9	a nicely designed playscape/playground
9	A plan to protect areas from toxic chemicals, herbicides and pesticides.
9	A public beach with sand :-)
9	as above
9	Better communication about the pros and cons of various decisions
9	Continued acquisition of spaces and ongoing wise stewardship, more awareness of community on the spaces/trails that are available
9	Educate/inform the public better about the available open spaces.
9	Even more trails.
9	Get more open space.
9	I never give 10's overall.
9	I think it is fine.
9	I would like to see more efforts to preserve open space and to make open spaces publicly accessible in the Foreside neighborhood.
9	I'm not sure
9	I'd likely have rated a 10 if I had more comprehensive knowledge of all of Falmouth's open spaces.
9	If we had more resources to manage and acquire more land
9	I'm not really sure; they are very good now.
9	Less construction
9	More connected trails and the acquisition of more protected land.
9	More in West Falmouth
9	more open space in unforested areas? I like the openness of River Point.
9	More open spaces
9	more planned events?
9	More publicity to encourage use
9	Not much
9	Not sure - sorry
9	nothing
9	ongoing coordination with Falmouth Land Trust to protect and improve access to undeveloped land
9	open spaces be better connected.
9	Preservation of *more* open space, with special attention paid toward linkage of existing trails in [east] Falmouth, as the town has done with the Cross Town Trail in central and west Falmouth.
9	Providing bathrooms and trash cans.
9	Sidewalk access
9	There aren't many trails near my house so I have to drive to get to them.
9	trails to surrounding towns
8	As mentioned above, increasing the amount of land and trying to connect trails between them would really increase the ability to take longer hikes and feel more connected to nature. This is especially true in the more developed areas of Falmouth near route 88 and Route one and coast. It would be great to connect found the forest preserve, the privately owned land owned by a real estate company next to it and behind Shaws, and somehow connected via a walking trail to the forest near the St. Mary's Church.
8	A clear declaration that the existing open spaces will remain such in perpetuity

8 A really good map of town lands and trails
8 A village park for outdoor activities surrounded by hiking trails.
8 Adding more open spaces for community use & recreation.
8 better education.
8 Better maintenance of trail and the creation of more.
8 Better management of housing developments moving forward. One of the reasons we moved to Falmouth was the minimum acreage policy. Alas in the past 11 years - that minimum acreage seems to have gotten smaller and smaller.
8 Better parking near ocean access
8 better trail maintenance
8 Better trail maintenance and upgrades to improve conditions. My experience is mainly in the west (Winn Rd./ Hadlock Rd.) with lots of exposed roots. I'm not sure if this is due to overuse, erosion, or bikes. Dog waste at Community Park back lot is always a concern. Lazy jerks take the time to bag it but then leave it on the ground or throw the bags in the adjacent woodline - trash can maybe?
8 Better trail management and more guided tours of different trails.
8 Better trails and fields
8 Boating accessibility.
8 continued protection of resources and more education to grow public awareness of the open space currently available in Falmouth
8 Diversity of properties in the growth areas.
8 Don't know
8 Easy accessible trail maps. Sample rountrip routes with walking time (so we don't have to place a car at beginining and end of an unknown trail)
8 family areas, playgrounds, community garden!! somewhere people can meet and get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere, to create a more thoughtful caring community.
8 Have an area when dogs can run free 365 days a year (or do it like Cumberland - half the day dogs can run free in one area, the other half of the day they can run free in a different area). Check periodically and cut down trees or branches that are dead and hovering over the trails)
8 having a park or something
8 Having more open space
8 Having more space.
8 I don't care about this topic
8 I don't think it can be. Foreside and areas closer to the bay are too crowded to improve.
8 idk
8 if more people used it.
8 if the town spent more money on securing the last few remaining large tracts of open space and if it spent some money on educating its residents of the importance of this activity
8 If we could walk dogs off leash everywhere.
8 Improving the possibility of what you can do in those different open spaces
8 Increased connectivity to properties, such as continuing the cross falmouth trail past FCP. Increased access to swimming locations.
8 Knowing more of the town, have a lake.
8 Less garbage
8 Make it better.
8 more bike/ped efforts - cross town access off road re: Comm. Park -School grounds connector - Rt.#1 to Rt.#100 area for example
8 More communication to the public.
8 More connectivity Some diversity in terms of navigability i.e. Wider, flatter paths for running/older people/children
8 More hiking trails
8 More knowledge of the open spaces and additional open spaces.
8 More nature preserves.
8 More open space that is interconnected
8 more open spaces! :)
8 more parking at MacWorth Island. Trail maintenance.
8 more people knowing about them and utilizing them
8 More people talking about it.
8 More public beach. No hunting.
8 More publicity- i.e., speaking at local groups

8 More space I guess
8 More trail clean up and better markings in places
8 more waterfront
8 more/bigger playgrounds & access to trails
8 N/A
8 No large housing developments - never high density except rehabbing old buildings (like a school)
8 No sure
8 Not much.
8 Not sure
8 Parking and drive in areas better maintained- also, I walk in other towns and everyone of the surrounding towns and Portland provide at least one trash barrel-
8 Perhaps some a few more open spaces would help make them a defining feature of Falmouth.
8 Probably just learning more about where they are and what they offer
8 see number 15
8 Sidewalks that people could use to get to the trails.
8 There are four or five unprotected large habitat blocks and vernal pool complexes--when they are conserved I will raise my score.
8 Wish there were more trails/beach access.

7 I think we could improve on uniting all students.
7 A dedicated focus on engaging the community and families on usage beyond one off events.
7 Accomplishing more
7 Better developed use of the spaces and trail systems.
7 Completing the above.
7 Continually obtaining and protecting our "wild" areas and limiting new building activity.
7 Do not squeeze more housing into currently developed areas in order to protect open spaces.
7 Give it back to the Native Americans. Or at least make River Point a sacred site. (There are other nearby sites that have not been explored enough, but could be sacred sites as well.) Also, we need to get away from the concept that the valuation of land is tied to the potential development rights inherent on the land. Protection of our environment is paramount, especially as we watch our agencies that are designed to protect our waters, lands, and air completely demolished.
7 having different area for different activites
7 I am not sure.
7 I don't know
7 I don't know
7 I have no idea.
7 if more biking trails had been built.
7 If there were more "open spaces"
7 Increased connectivity. Better PR.
7 Inform us about the open spaces.
7 It would be nice if there were even more such trails, and to continue the work to connect them.
7 Just that leadership
7 Knowing more
7 More awareness of the various options available
7 More diversity in use, not just to recreate but for transportation, like Baxter Boulevard and other trails in Portland that kids, commuters and less hard core cyclists can access.
7 more ocean view access - clearer trail markers and better clearing in some systems - more sidewalks & bike margins
7 More open space overall and more trails for hiking, running, skiing, dog walking etc.
7 More open space, more connecting trails.
7 More public work spaces
7 More spaces
7 More waterfront spaces
7 N/a
7 no
7 not sure
7 Not sure.
7 Protect more land.
7 ranger patrol

- 6 Additional acquisitions
- 6 ban the birders
- 6 Become more informed on the subject matter.
- 6 Better use of the open spaces
- 6 build a mountain
- 6 Buy the land before it gets approved for a development.
- 6 Change the zoning back to what it was prior to 2016
- 6 Clear maps
- 6 Give up on the "town center" dream. Not going to happen.
- 6 I would like to see continued conservation of the land.
- 6 ldk
- 6 Improve ability to have transportation other than car - bikes walking bus
- 6 Improve access for bicyclists and walkers
- 6 Inform people about open spaces
- 6 limit the development of houses and condos in wooded areas (like Blackstrap Rd.)
- 6 Mandatory bike paths on each and every road. Safe and assessable transportation corridors for our youth and adults alike. An east-west corridor.
- 6 more acquisition
- 6 More acquisition and safer (non-driving) access to properties and critical town sites.
- 6 More diversity
- 6 more education to the town as to what is open space!
- 6 More field that are closer to places like West Falmouth that don't have quick access to nice open spaces like community parks
- 6 More low income housing.
- 6 MORE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS, AND YEAR ROUND LACROSSE FIELDS!!!!
- 6 More Parks/Basketball Courts/Places for activities close to the Foreside because there are none
- 6 More recreation friendly spaces
- 6 More separation between the two.
- 6 more soccer
- 6 More spaces
- 6 Really being a caring town and respecting the local longtime residents who have lived here for years and restrict and deny developers from west Falmouth.
- 6 Reduce development, particularly the rush to multi-family dwellings.
- 6 Signage at each location, explaining allowed and intended activities. Word of mouth and maps are good, but more site information is important, at each location.
- 6 The protection of waterways and wetlands. In the 22 years that I have lived here I have seen at least 2 houses, 1 build right on top of a wetland and one just adjacent (within 10 feet) of a seasonal stream/brook.

- 5 Actually knowing
- 5 Becoming younger instead of older!
- 5 Being more informed
- 5 Better maintenance current trail system.
- 5 getting more sports fields
- 5 Have an understanding of how we compare
- 5 Have the town be more of a leader in creating Green spaces. Dedicate more financial resources to acquiring green spaces.
- 5 Having a close knit town park, that would be real fun!
- 5 Having residents more involved. We don't even have a decent playground for the kids. Yarmouth has a nice one.
- 5 Having the town stop sending biased questionnaires that imply that the Town sought homeowner input on Open Spaces when that was not the case.
- 5 If we educated the public more.
- 5 If we were able to find a way to use it.

- 5 I'm concerned about our sprawl and lack of focus on commuting other ways, supporting Metro and bikeable roads instead of investing in more road construction and housing developments. We need to allow for infill and denser populations and smaller lot sizes in some parts of town, and preserve larger swaths of natural landscape and access to waterways in the rest of town so that people aren't living so far outside of the heart of town and wasting resources on infrastructure and commuting/paving/intersection renovation needs when we could be a more densely populated community with some good urban/suburban planning. I don't want our town to continue to be just sprawl with no heart.
- 5 Increase of Land Trusts.
- 5 Increasing the amount of open space for wildlife, which can be done by decreasing the number of houses that can be built in different areas (zoning).
- 5 Knowing more about the circumstances
- 5 knowledge of the open spaces in falmouth
- 5 Lake access and oceanfront park like Broad Cove in Cumberland.
- 5 Less new development
- 5 Limit housing development.
- 5 Make more places where you can be alone and think to yourself
- 5 more parks
- 5 More places to hike with my dog off leash.
- 5 N/a
- 5 N/A
- 5 n/a
- 5 probably knowing what these so-called "open spaces" are, and where they are.
- 5 Renovation to the cafeteria
- 5 Some sort of tour
- 5 To not keep tearing things down
- 5 to stop building homes
- 5 Town communication.
- 5 XD
- 4 an impact fee to all new homes
- 4 Better parking. Better trail maintenance and marking More cross country ski / snow show areas
- 4 Care for existing trails. Expand trail network.
- 4 Education
- 4 have no school when we shouldn't have school
- 4 idk
- 4 Increased acreage
- 4 no
- 4 TBD
- 3 A lot more opportunities for educating and creating what I said in #13 Stop calling them open spaces and come up with a better way to talk about the whole entire subject.
- 3 Less McMansion development on previously green spaces
- 3 reconsider some of the growth management tools used to restrict development and develop strategies that protect existing land owners financial position.
- 3 Tell me where these places are and provide food
- 2 change the setbacks or keep them across the board for ALL neighborhoods. somebody's decision to change some was likely monetary driven
- 2 Changing the zoning laws.
- 2 fall fest
- 2 More land preservation, less development/traffic on roads.
- 2 Side walks connecting neighborhoods to the open spaces we have. Promoting what the town has.
- 1 A moratorium on building
- 1 Na
- 1 No mortal effort
- 1 Nope

1 reverse the liberal zoning passed in 2016 to include individual lots with just one house on them now.

1 yeah

n/a Better questions?