

SECTION 8: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Maintain North Brookfield's Rural Character

Objectives:

1. Minimize development impacts by implementing appropriate zoning controls and strategies.
2. Preserve the scenic resources for future generations by facilitating the placement of conservation easements and purchasing land outright.
3. Ensure the future prosperity of local farms.
4. Encourage appropriate development siting, design and landscaping to further enhance the existing character of North Brookfield.

Goal 2: Preserve and Enhance North Brookfield's Water Resources

Objectives:

1. Protect the municipal water supply.
2. Identify additional/alternate sources for municipal water supply.
3. Protect and improve the quality of surface waters.
4. Protect important wetland areas.
5. Protect ground water resources.

Goal 3: Enhance the Community's Knowledge About Open Space in North Brookfield.

Objectives:

1. Create an informational packet, including a map, about North Brookfield's open spaces, to introduce new residents and visitors to the Town's resources.
2. Compile a collection of educational materials to be made available to teachers, at various levels, that can be incorporated into a variety of different curriculums (i.e. science, history etc.).
3. Create a website or a page on the Town website dedicated to open space in North Brookfield.
4. Explore opportunities for ecotourism in North Brookfield.

Goal 4: Provide North Brookfield with Varied and Well Maintained Recreational Opportunities and Facilities

Objectives:

1. Maintain existing facilities, with improvements where necessary.
2. Construct new Facilities as needed.
3. Expand opportunities for passive outdoor recreation (hiking, fishing, canoeing, etc.)
4. Existing or planned facilities and opportunities should accommodate all age groups and user groups within the community.

What the Kids Say: "Open Space is important. We need a place for wildlife and recreational activities."