

# Westport Recreational Master Plan

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## INTRODUCTION

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This report summarizes the study initiated by the Town of Westport to prepare a Recreational Master Plan. Town owned land, as well as the Island as a whole, was considered for its recreational potential. Funding for this project was provided by the State Planning Office through a grant from the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

## SITE ANALYSIS

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There are four (4) parcels of land owned by the Town of Westport. The following is a description of each of these sites emphasizing the existing man-made and natural features.

### CLOUGH POINT

Clough Point is at the northern most tip of Westport Island. It is approximately 7 1/2 acres of low land totally forested with mostly hardwoods. The water edge, facing west, is mostly ledge. Tidal flats exist along much of the site at low water. All other boundaries are wooded areas. Residences exist just to the north of the site, a private road and campsite area are to the south. Access to the site is provided by a gravel road that runs the entire eastern boundary. There is no parking area on, or near the site. From the road, there are no paths through the site to the water edge. On the shore, there are two areas that would probably be best for swimming as there is no ledge here making access easy. Excellent views exist back toward Wiscasset.

There are deed restrictions that pertain to any use of this parcel. If it is developed, it must remain basically forever wild with only cleared paths and minimum clearing permitted.



### COWSEAGAN NARROWS

The Town land is located just north and south of the bridge embankment of Route 144 as it crosses Cowseagan Narrows to Wiscasset. The two larger, yet less potentially important parcels are to the south of the bridge, parallel to the old Main Road. The two smaller parcels to the north of Route 144 abut land which was previously leased by the State from a resident property owner. This parcel, which is important to the potential use of the Town land, is currently being scrutinized as to ownership. The Town parcels are flat, meeting the previously State leased land on the west boundary which in turn drops off to the water edge. All of this land is created mostly by fill material. There is a Town road between these two Town parcels with a cul-de-sac at the water edge. All of the land involved totals approximately one acre. This site is visually important, as it is first seen as you cross the bridge to Westport.

This land, like Clough Point, does have deed restrictions that originally were directed toward highway right of way use.

### TOWN HALL & OLD SANITARY LANDFILL SITE

The Town Hall site is located in the south-central part of the Island of Westport. It is roughly one acre in size. The land is flat with low shrubs, grass and some

ledge out croppings. The Town Hall and small storage building are centrally situated on the site. A church is on the north boundary; Route 144 on the east, and forest land to the south and west. The land to the west drops off some sixty feet to Squam Creek. This land has the feature of being a social focal point of Westport, due to the multi-use character of the Town Hall.

The old sanitary landfill site is approximately two acres in size. The land is very steep, dropping nearly thirty feet from the east edge to the west edge. It is about two thirds field with the remaining land being maple and birch. It is bounded on the east by Route 144 and wooded on the remaining three sides. It is similar to the Town Hall site in that it abuts Squam Creek to the west.

#### THE ISLAND POTENTIAL AS A WHOLE

A review of the Town of Westport as an entity shows very little existing public lands or public access to the water. Most of the water edge throughout the island is privately owned. Many of the older access points to the water have gradually been de-emphasized or removed due to discontinued right of ways, or sale of land.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

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The consultant prepared a questionnaire that the Town circulated to all Westport property owners. The results showed a broad diversity as to recreational *choice* ~~needs~~. A definite difference is seen between year round residents and seasonal residents in regards to this. The following pages identify the types of recreational activities that the groups chose that should be recognized in a Recreational Master Plan. The results express a desire to maintain a "low key" approach to recreational development. It shows, however, the need of the year round resident to have facilities on the island for active group recreation like softball, basketball, and tennis, as well as access to the water for public small boat launching and swimming.

THIS IS THE ORIGINAL QUESTIONNAIRE WITH RESULT TOTALS  
FOR EACH QUESTION

1. Are you a resident of Westport?  
(32) yes (21) no (22) fulltime (26) summer
2. Would you like to see emphasis on:  
(13) organized, active recreation; basketball, tennis  
softball fields, etc., or  
(42) passive recreation - trails, nature study, picnic areas.
3. Should the recreational planning include areas for  
large groups?  
(16) yes (30) no
4. Should planning provide recreation for the elderly?  
(32) yes (12) no

If yes, what activities would you like to see?

passive rec. (#2 above) 7 , central meeting place 2  
nature trails 1, transportation off island 1  
dances, talks, lectures 1

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5. Should picnic shelter facilities for small groups be  
considered for Westport?  
(26) yes (23) no
  6. Do you feel the need for playfields in Westport?  
(24) yes (20) no

If so, where?

adjacent to town hall 8 , dump site 1, bridge site 1  
at North End 1, at South - Central part of island 1

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7. Would you favor possible recreational links, (bike paths,  
walking paths) connecting recreational sites?  
(26) yes (18) no

If so, where?

North End- Clough Point 3. North-South path out of  
property owners way 3, North End to Bridge 1

8. Put an x after each activity that you would like to do in a developed recreational area in Westport.

|                            |           |                           |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| paint a picture            | <u>5</u>  | snowmobile                | <u>3</u>  |
| identify trees             | <u>20</u> | ice skate                 | <u>16</u> |
| listen to birds            | <u>25</u> | toss a frisbee            | <u>16</u> |
| sit in the shade of a tree | <u>19</u> | play badminton            | <u>14</u> |
| look for wildflowers       | <u>25</u> | throw horseshoes          | <u>23</u> |
| find signs of wild animals | <u>20</u> | play shuffleboard         | <u>13</u> |
| walk a dog                 | <u>8</u>  | lawn bowl                 | <u>8</u>  |
| fly a kite                 | <u>9</u>  | play tag                  | <u>4</u>  |
| play chess                 | <u>5</u>  | play king of the mountain | <u>5</u>  |
| play cards in the grass    | <u>5</u>  | hide and seek             | <u>5</u>  |
| have a picnic              | <u>23</u> | have a tug-of-war         | <u>4</u>  |
| listen to a concert        | <u>23</u> | play softball             | <u>16</u> |
| snow shoe in the woods     | <u>20</u> | play touch football       | <u>8</u>  |
| swimming                   | <u>23</u> | play basketball           | <u>8</u>  |
| watch boats                | <u>15</u> | play volleyball           | <u>9</u>  |
| row or sail a boat         | <u>22</u> | play tennis               | <u>16</u> |
| ride a bike                | <u>19</u> | play baseball             | <u>9</u>  |
| jog                        | <u>11</u> | play soccer               | <u>4</u>  |
| cross country ski          | <u>19</u> | other (please list)       |           |
| ride a horse               | <u>9</u>  | boat launch w/parking     | <u>3</u>  |
| roll down a hill           | <u>4</u>  | rifle range 1, marina     | <u>1</u>  |
| play in a treehouse        | <u>5</u>  | public fishing loc.       | <u>2</u>  |
| swing                      | <u>11</u> | arts & crafts- elderly    | <u>1</u>  |
| slide                      | <u>8</u>  |                           |           |
| go sledding                | <u>14</u> |                           |           |

10. Upon adopting a recreational master plan, what would you envision the 'priorities' of development to be?  
slow approach to development of recreational facilities 11

field-team sports for youth 9      public swimming 3

picnic tables, paths 8      " boat landing 3

maintenance aspects 5      insure only residents  
~~use facilities~~ 3

North end- Clough Point

~~improvements~~ 4      ~~create bikeways~~ 2

11. What are the ages of your family members? <sup>outline const. priorities</sup>  
2

(16) under 10      (32) 18-35      (15) over 65

(15) 10-18      (42) 35-65

ALL RESPONDENTS

QUESTION NUMBER 8 - GROUPINGS OF ACTIVITIES

| PRIORITY | ACTIVITY  |                   |
|----------|---|-------------------|
| 1.       | LOOK FOR WILDFLOWERS<br>LISTEN TO BIRDS                               | mostly<br>passive |
| 2.       | HAVE A PICNIC<br>LISTEN TO A CONCERT<br>SWIMMING<br>THROW HORSESHOES  |                   |
| 3.       | ROW OR SAIL A BOAT  |                   |
| 4.       | IDENTIFY TREES<br>FIND SIGNS OF WILD ANIMALS<br>SNOWSHOE IN THE WOODS |                   |
| 5.       | SIT IN THE SHADE OF A TREE<br>RIDE A BIKE<br>CROSS-COUNTRY SKI        |                   |
| 6.       | ICE SKATE<br>TOSS A FRISBEE<br>PLAY SOFTBALL<br>" TENNIS              | mostly<br>active  |
| 7.       | WATCH BOATS   |                   |
| 8.       | PLAY BADMINTON<br>GO SLEDDING   |                   |

YEAR ROUND RESIDENTS

QUESTION NUMBER 8- GROUPINGS OF ACTIVITIES

PRIORITY

ACTIVITY

1. ROW OR SAIL A BOAT
2. LISTEN TO A CONCERT
3. HAVE A PICNIC  
SNOWSHOE IN THE WOODS  
SWIMMING
4. THROW HORSESHOES
5. ICE SKATE  
PLAY BADMINTON  
GO SLEDDING  
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
6. LISTEN TO BIRDS  
LOOK FOR WILD FLOWERS  
FIND SIGNS OF WILD ANIMALS  
RIDE A BIKE  
TOSS A FRISBEE  
PLAY SHUFFLEBOARD  
PLAY SOFTBALL
7. IDENTIFY TREES  
SIT IN THE SHADE OF A TREE  
FLY KITE  
WATCH BOATS  
SWING, SLIDE
8. JOG  
PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL  
" VOLLEYBALL  
" BASEBALL

desired activities  
are mixed



SUMMER OR SEASONAL RESIDENTS

QUESTION NUMBER 8 - GROUPINGS OF ACTIVITIES

| PRIORITY | ACTIVITY   |                              |
|----------|--|------------------------------|
| 1.       | LISTEN TO BIRDS<br>LOOK FOR WILD FLOWERS                               |                              |
| 2.       | IDENTIFY TREES   |                              |
| 3.       | SIT IN THE SHADE OF A TREE<br>THROW HORSESHOES                         |                              |
| 4.       | FIND SIGNS OF WILD ANIMALS<br>HAVE A PICNIC<br>SWIMMING<br>PLAY TENNIS |                              |
| 5.       | LISTEN TO A CONCERT<br>RIDE A BIKE                                     | mostly passive<br>recreation |
| 6.       | CROSS COUNTRY SKIING   |                              |
| 7.       | SNOWSHOE IN THE WOODS<br>ROW OR SAIL A BOAT<br>WATCH BOATS             |                              |
| 8.       | TOSS A FRISBEE<br>PLAY SOFTBALL  |                              |

# COMPARISON CHART

| YEAR ROUND RESIDENT |                    |    | SUMMER OR SEASONAL<br>RESIDENT |
|---------------------|--------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| QUESTION NO.        |                    |    |                                |
| 2)                  | organized play     | 6  | 7                              |
|                     | passive recreation | 14 | 28                             |
| 3)                  | yes                | 8  | 8                              |
|                     | no                 | 14 | 16                             |
| 4)                  | yes                | 16 | 16                             |
|                     | no                 | 2  | 8                              |
| 5)                  | yes                | 11 | 15                             |
|                     | no                 | 9  | 14                             |
| 6)                  | yes                | 13 | 11                             |
|                     | no                 | 6  | 14                             |
| 7)                  | yes                | 12 | 14                             |
|                     | no                 | 7  | 11                             |

## CONCEPT

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The concepts for the Master Plan are created by maximizing the positive elements of each site and combining these with trends revealed in the questionnaire results. The following describes the activity orientation and type to be applied to the proposed sites.

CLOUGH POINT - Water oriented passive recreation.

COWSEAGAN NARROWS - Water oriented passive recreation.

TOWN HALL - Land oriented active recreation.

OLD SANITARY LANDFILL SITE - Land oriented passive recreation.

SQUAM CREEK - Land and water oriented passive recreation.

## MASTER PLAN

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CLOUGH POINT - This would be totally passive recreational use with minimal public improvements. Only those permissible under the deed restrictions that exist would be done. Some uses would be swimming, walking and picnicing.

### COWSEAGAN NARROWS

- The Cowseagan Narrows site, as previously mentioned, has land ownership and permitted use questions that are unresolved. Ideally the parcels would be combined to provide parking for cars and boat trailers, a boat launch, and a picnic area.

### TOWN HALL

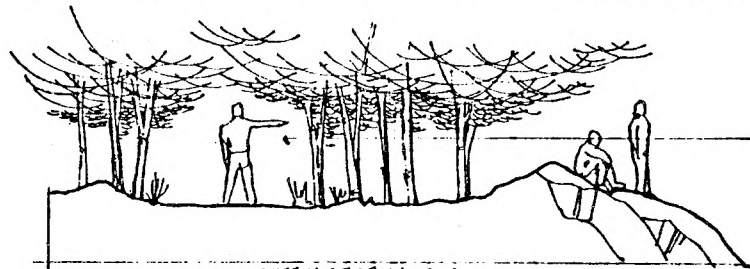
- This land is a centrally located parcel with not only recreation potential, but also is a focus of Town civic activities. It is recommended that the Town lease or acquire land either directly adjacent, or reasonably close to the Town Hall. The topography and geological character of the land should be selected to best suit a multi-purpose playfield. Tennis, basketball, and softball are the types of activities to be considered here. Adequate parking should be provided for larger gatherings of people.

OLD  
SANITARY  
LANDFILL  
SITE

- This land has no definitive recreational use other than an arrival and departure point for a pedestrian link which is described later. Some activities were mentioned like sledding and target shooting. These would not require major land changes. Parking should be provided at the east edge of the property along Route 144.

SQUAM CREEK

- The "Island Potential" as a whole was considered whereby steep slope; wetlands, and shoreland zoning restrictions were combined to show areas that would best be suited for recreation. This process reveals Squam Creek as an excellent opportunity to provide a "Town" recreational link. A pathway would be routed over private properties along the Creek side of each lot. Connections, or access points to the link, could be made at the Landfill site, Town Hall, and West-Shore Road. This path or trail could be expanded around part, or all of Squam Creek. Walking, jogging, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and perhaps even bicycling would be activities to consider.



SKETCH SECTION A-A

NOT TO SCALE

LEVEL PARKING AREA - 10 CARS  
 TRAIL CONTINUATION  
 HYPERBOLIC/POSTERIORAL  
 TRAIL  
 TRAIL  
 PARKING AREA LOCATED TO  
 EAST END OF "BULLY HILL"  
 AT THE END OF TRAIL

THIS SECTION SHOWS HOW  
 THE LANDSCAPE OF BULLY  
 HILL WOULD BE.

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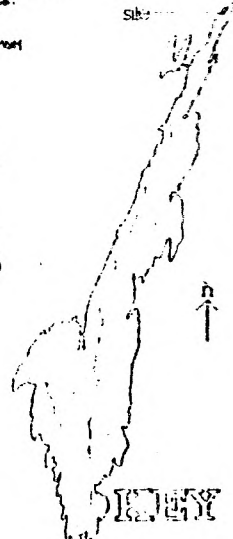
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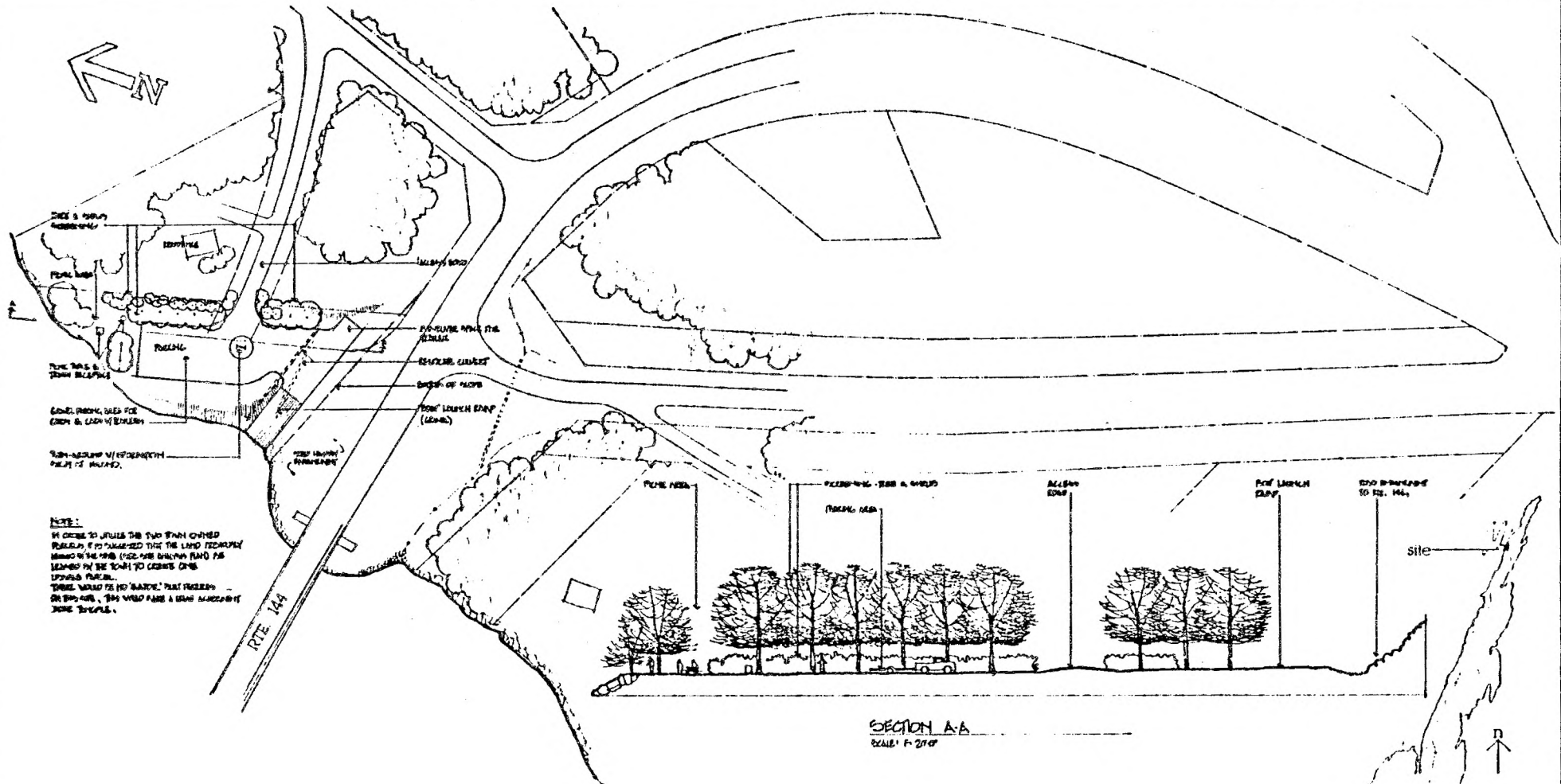
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CLOUGH  
 POINT



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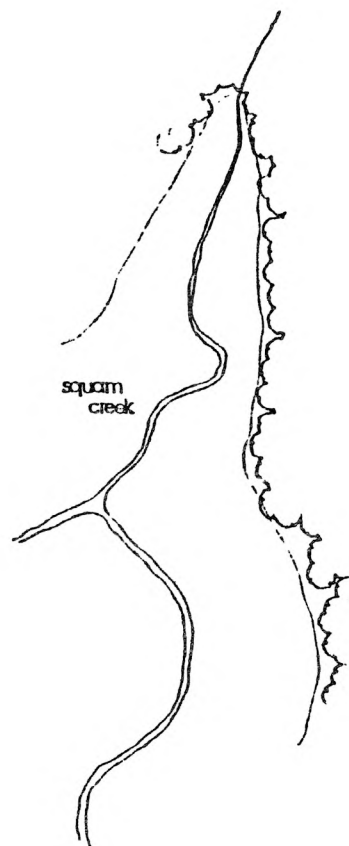
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COWSEAGAN  
NARROWS

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squam creek

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A 10' x 10' PARK ENTRANCE  
COURT OF S. PARK

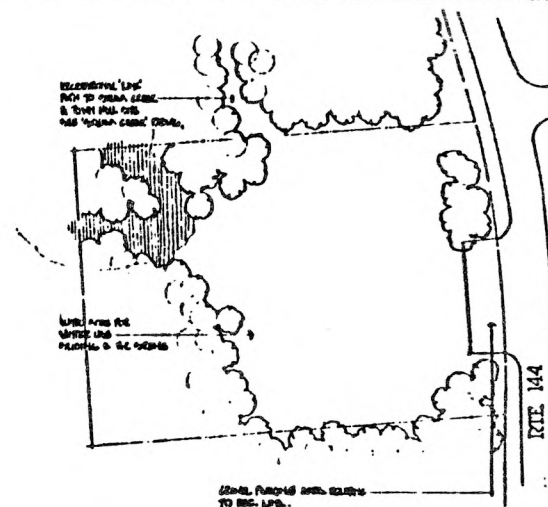
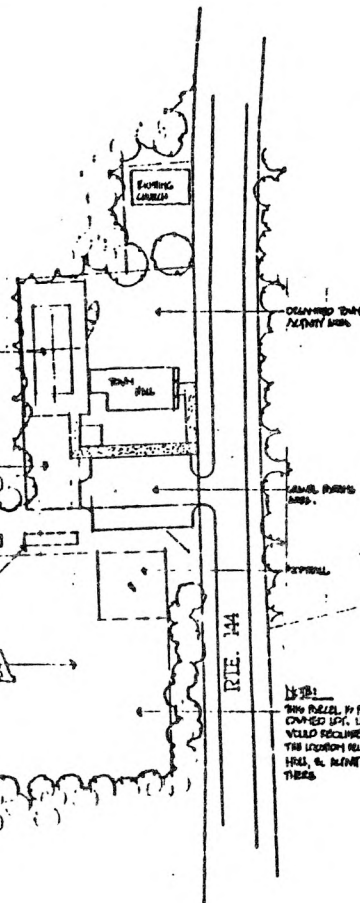
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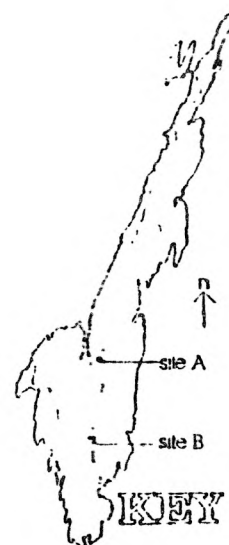
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site A



site B



site A

site B

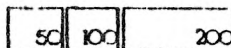
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TOWN HALL • site A

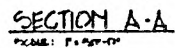
OLD SANITARY LANDFILL • site B



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## MAGNITUDE COST ESTIMATES

The following pages convey magnitude cost estimates for each site improvement.

PROJECT: CLOUGH POINT

| ITEM                   | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL      |
|------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
| ENGINEERING LAYOUT     | LS       | 100.00     | 100.00     |
| SITE PREPARATION       |          |            |            |
| path clearing          | 2915 SY  | .22        | 641.00     |
| EXCAVATION & GRADING   |          |            |            |
| clearing & grubbing    | .05 acre | 1600/AC    | 80.00      |
| gravel parking         |          |            |            |
| supply                 | 59 c.y.  | 8/c.y.     | 472.00     |
| spread 12" deep        | 177 s.y. | 2/s.y.     | 354.00     |
| SITE IMPROVEMENTS      |          |            |            |
| picnic benches         | 2        | 175. ea.   | 350.00     |
| information sign       | 1        | 100. ea.   | 100.00     |
| trash container        | 3        | 50. ea.    | 150.00     |
| sub total              |          |            | 2,247.00   |
| Contingency-20%        |          |            | 449.00     |
|                        |          |            | 2,696.00   |
| Design Engineering-15% |          |            | 404.00     |
| Total                  |          |            | \$3,100.00 |

PROJECT: COWSEAGAN NARROWS

| ITEM                     | QUANTITY  | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL    |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| ENGINEERING LAYOUT       | L.S.      | 150        | 150.00   |
| SITE PREPARATION         |           |            |          |
| relocate culvert         | 240 c.y.  | 2.50/c.y.  | 600.00   |
| EXCAVATION & GRADING     |           |            |          |
| site cut - RDMP          | 177 c.y.  | 1.80/c.y.  | 318.00   |
| fine grading             | 70 c.y.   | 1.00/c.y.  | 70.00    |
| gravel (parking)         | 70 c.y.   | 8.00/c.y.  | 560.00   |
| SITE IMPROVEMENTS        |           |            |          |
| picnic bench             | 1         | 175.00     | 175.00   |
| information sign         | 1         | 100.00     | 100.00   |
| trash container/recept.  | 1         | 50.00      | 50.00    |
| LAWNS & PLANTING         |           |            |          |
| fine grade - loam & seed | 1517 s.y. | 2.60/s.y.  | 3944.00  |
| trees                    | 10        | 100 ea.    | 1000.00  |
| shrubs                   | 40        | 40 ea.     | 1600.00  |
| Sub Total                |           |            | 8567.00  |
| Contingency-20%          |           |            | 1713.00  |
|                          |           |            | 10280.00 |
| Design Engineering-15%   |           |            | 1542.00  |
| Total                    |           |            | 11822.00 |

PROJECT: TOWN HALL & OLD SANITARY LANDFILL SITE

| ITEM                                    | QUANTITY  | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL      |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|
| ENGINEERING LAYOUT                      | L.S.      | 200.00     | 200.00     |
| SITE PREPARATION                        |           |            |            |
| clearing & grubbing                     | 1 acre    | 1675/acre  | 1675.00    |
| remove stumps                           | 1 acre    | 640/acre   | 640.00     |
| EXCAVATION & GRADING                    |           |            |            |
| site fill (common Borrow)               | 4147 c.y. | 4/c.y.     | 16591.00   |
| gravel for parking - 8"                 | 171 c.y.  | 8.00/c.y.  | 1368.00    |
| grading                                 | 171 c.y.  | 2.00/c.y.  | 342.00     |
| SITE IMPROVEMENTS                       |           |            |            |
| tennis court                            | L.S. (1)  | 12000.     | 12000.00   |
| crushed stone walk-<br>15' wide         | 1000 sf   | .46/sf     | 460.00     |
| basketball backstops                    | 2         | 395. ea.   | 790.00     |
| 30'x60' basketball<br>surface - 2" bit. | 200 s.y.  | 1/s.y.     | 800.00     |
| gravel base - 8" deep                   | 44 c.y.   | 8/c.y.     | 352.00     |
| LAWNS & PLANTING                        |           |            |            |
| fine grading (loam & seed)              | 5600 s.y. | 2.60/s.y.  | 14560.00   |
| Sub Total                               |           |            | 49778.00   |
| Contingency - 20%                       |           |            | 9955.00    |
|   |           |            | 59773.00   |
| Design Engineering-15%                  |           |            | 8960.00    |
| Total                                   |           |            | \$68693.00 |

PROJECT: OLD SANITARY LANDFILL SITE

| ITEM                   | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL     |
|------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| ENGINEERING LAYOUT     | L.S.     | 100.00     | 100.00    |
| EXCAVATION & GRADING   |          |            |           |
| site fill - gravel     |          |            |           |
| parking - 12"          | 74 c.y.  | 8.00/c.y.  | 592.00    |
| bit. paving ( to R. of |          |            |           |
| W. Edge)               | 111 s.y. | 4.00/s.y.  | 444.00    |
| Sub Total              |          |            | 1136.00   |
| Contingency-20%        |          |            | 227.00    |
|                        |          |            | 1363.00   |
| Design Engineering-15% |          |            | 204.00    |
| Total                  |          |            | \$1567.00 |

PROJECT: SQUAM CREEK

| ITEM                   | QUANTITY   | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL   |
|------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| ENGINEERING LAYOUT     | L.S.       | 500.00     | 500.00  |
| SITE PREPARATION       |            |            |         |
| clearing paths         | 16688 s.y. | .22/s.y.   | 3715.00 |
| Sub Total              |            |            | 4215.00 |
| Contingency -20%       |            |            | 843.00  |
|                        |            |            | 5058.00 |
| Design Engineering-15% |            |            | 758.00  |
| Total                  |            |            | 5816.00 |

## IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH - THE NEXT STEP

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The following topics should be considered as the next phase toward achieving the Master Plan goals.

### LAND OWNERSHIP

An investigation of potential land acquisition, or lease agreements should be done in regard to the Cowseagan Narrows parcels; the potential of leasing or acquiring land at the Town Hall site; and the easement potential for the properties affected by the Squam Creek link proposal.

### FUNDING SOURCES

The following pages outline potential funding sources for the implementation of various projects that are part of the Master Plan.

### DESIGN/ENGINEERING SERVICES

Upon the Town's selection of priorities of development, engineering and design services should be sought to provide topographic surveys and detailed design and cost estimates. Some of the funding may be directed toward the land ownership investigation.



## Land and Water Conservation Fund (Outdoor Recreation)

### Quick Check

| Eligible  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Cities</b>   |  |
| 50,000+ ✓   |  |
| 50,000- ✓   |  |
| Cities and general purpose governments under 10,000 ✓ |  |
| States ✓  |  |
| Counties ✓  |  |
| Areawides   |  |
| Tribal govts.   |  |
| Other public bodies ✓                                 |  |
| Private nonprofits                                    |  |
| <b>Type of aid</b>                                    |  |
| Grants ✓  |  |
| Loans   |  |
| <b>Requirements</b>                                   |  |
| Preapp  |  |
| A-95 ✓  |  |
| Match ✓   |  |

- Refer to Catalog #15.400
- Deadlines: none
- \$359 million FY 80 budget request; \$357.8 million FY 79 appropriation
- Administered by Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior

### What the Program Does

Makes grants to states, and through states to local governments, for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

### Contacts

#### Federal

Rowland Bowers  
Land and Water Conservation  
Funds Division  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation  
Service  
Department of the Interior  
South Interior Building, Room 121  
Washington, DC 20240  
(202) 343-7801

#### Local/Regional

Your designated State Liaison Officer

To acquire this name and address, contact your Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS) Regional Office. The address and telephone number of your Regional Office is available from HCRS headquarters at (202) 343-5726.

### Key Facts and Figures

**Are We Eligible?**

(See Quick Check) States, local governments, and local agencies such as park departments or districts can submit project proposals to the designated state liaison officer. The state has the prerogative and basic responsibility for project selection and implementation.

**Uses of the Funds**

Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCFs) provide project grants for up to half the cost of acquiring and developing basic outdoor recreation areas and facilities for the public at large. Projects are designed to stimulate both private and public investment in programs to enhance outdoor recreation.

LWCF grants may fund a broad range of acquisition and development projects, including swimming pools, bike paths, hiking trails, mini-parks, picnic areas, community gardening, golf courses, inner-city recreation complexes, and boating marinas. Project grants may be used to purchase land, or to build facilities, or both. Certain kinds of equipment may also be funded initially; for example, filter systems in swimming pools and swings and slides in tot lots. Items like golf carts and basic operation and maintenance equipment are not eligible.

The LWCF program's revenues come from federal surplus property sales, federal motorboat fuel taxes, Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts, and the annual appropriations of Congress. Each state receives a minimum share of the total fund, depending on the annual total appropriation. The Secretary of the Interior apportions the remaining dollars in the Fund based on need in a program called the Contingency Reserve Program.

States receive federal matching grants to assist the preparation of the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which outlines the state's needs and plans for outdoor recreation facilities. Local governments then submit their proposals, which must conform with the SCORP, through the states -- specifically, the governor's liaison for outdoor recreation which in turn recommends projects to the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS). In addition to state grants, the LWCF provides \$360 million to four federal agencies which manage public lands to acquire additional recreational and wildlife areas.

The Contingency Reserve Program finances the acquisition of land which has recreational value in order to save it from becoming lost to leisure use. Projects funded through this program usually require immediate action and are evaluated according to the Urgent Acquisition Criteria (briefly outlined in "Any Restrictions?"). In FY 79, \$12 million was set aside for the Contingency Reserve. An example of a project funded by this money is a plot of 8000 acres of lowlands 20 miles from New Orleans, Louisiana, which was saved from intrusion by massive development and was environmentally protected by the LWCF. Suburban development was staved off and in its place were created footpaths, trails, and natural areas. In recent years, an urban emphasis has been placed on the LWCF Contingency Program funds. Although no FY 80 funds will be earmarked for urban projects, such projects will be given priority.

**Any  
Restrictions?**

Projects require a 50 percent match.

All projects must conform with the needs and plans identified in the SCORP. Facilities assisted from the LWCF must be retained permanently for public outdoor recreation use according to standards set by HCRS. HCRS policies favor projects which are for the public at large rather than for limited groups, provide basic rather than elaborate facilities, and do not have other public or private funds available to them. Other projects are not ineligible; however, HCRS will determine if an environmental impact statement is required as part of the application.



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ALLEN G. PEASE  
STATE PLANNING DIRECTOR

October 23, 1980

Richard R. Berman  
R. R. Berman, Associates  
5 Moulton Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Richard:

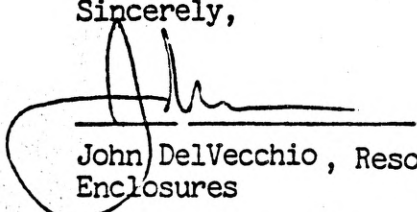
I have enclosed the information you requested relating to Coastal Program Preservation/Restoration funds. This information includes the funds description out of our May 1980 "How to Participate" booklet and a copy of the town of Chelsea's application for Preservation/Restoration funds. Chelsea successfully competed for the funding this summer.

This type of funding may be available, on a competitive basis through the Coastal Program, about a year from now. It may well be that Westport's efforts at implementing recommendations from this year's recreation plans could get funding assistance from us.

Other agencies, that I know of, which you and the Town should be coordinating with at this point in the project include: Bureau of Parks and Recreation: John Pitcher for Federal HCRS funds; and Richard Skinner, boat facilities state funds. I'm sure your familiarity with these programs and others can help Westport in implementing their recreation plan.

I'm hoping I'll get a chance to review the products of last year's efforts before the public meeting is held. I assume Mr. Malone will be quite busy through November 4th, so I'll try to arrange a meeting with him soon afterwards.

Sincerely,



John DelVecchio, Resource Analyst  
Enclosures

cc: Richard Malone  
Project Manager  
Westport, Maine