Clinton, MA Open Space Update: 7-Year Action Plan

Town-Wide:
- Apply conservation easements to town-owned properties in priority areas.
- Create a management plan for all town-owned parcels of open space and recreational interest.
- Engage the community in the maintenance of open space parcels.
- Ensure all parks provide a friendly and safe atmosphere.
- Create a master list of all open spaces in Clinton.
- Design and systematically implement a signage program for Clinton's Parks and Open Space Parcels.
- Develop a trail map.
- Encourage the acquisition of open space.
- Implement "Complete Streets" strategies.
- Assess community capacity to provide for a "dog park".
- Improve parks and playgrounds by upgrading facilities.
- Construct picnic tables in appropriate locations.
- Continue efforts to ensure that all trails and parks provide universal access whenever feasible.

Mass Central Rail Trail:
- Work with the Town of Clinton and the DCR to preserve a right of way for the Mass Central Rail Trail adjacent to the Wachusett Reservoir and Rt.110.

Ponds and Nashua River:
- Engage the community in the maintenance of Clinton's lakes, rivers, and streams.
- Whenever necessary, implement remediation efforts to reverse eutrophication of South Meadow, Mossy, Coachlace, and Clamshell Ponds.
- Identify invasive species and where necessary implement control management in all Clinton ponds and waterways.
- Establish a water quality monitoring program on South Meadow, Mossy, Coachlace, and Clamshell Ponds.
- Add signage related to endangered species, invasive species, and other related information (i.e. feeding water fowl).
- Construct boat ramps for car top boat access on South Meadow and Clamshell Ponds.
- Examine the feasibility of establishing a new town beach on either Lancaster Millpond, South Meadow, Mossy, or Coachlace.

River and Counterpane Brook:
- Explore the possibility of establishing linear parks or walkways along the Nashua River and Counterpane Brook.

High Street Area:
- Develop dedicated bike trails and add bike racks in strategic places around town.
- Research the feasibility of adding bike lanes on road.

Purcell Field:
- Increase the use of Purcell Field and improve facility by developing a maintenance plan for fields and building structures.
- Promote historical significance.
- Identify groups that can partner to maintain and promote facility (Parks and Recreation).

Central Mass Rail Trail:
- Work with the relevant townships (Sterling and Leominster), agencies (DCR and organizations (Wekepeke Watershed Association, Sterling Land Trust) on trail development and accessibility on the Clinton-owned Wekepeke watershed property.

Waterside:
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Legend
- Central Mass Rail Trail
- Community Boundaries
- Roads
  - US & State Routes
  - Other Roads
- RailLines
  - Active RailLines
- Water
  - Streams & Rivers
  - Lakes, Ponds & Reservoirs

Open Space Inventory by Level of Protection
- Permanent
- Limited
- Unprotected

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