

## **SECTION 8 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

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### **Goal I. Protect Hadley's Agricultural Lands**

- Objective 1. Continue to ensure town policies are farmer friendly.
- Objective 2. Continue to use Agriculture Preservation Restrictions and other means to protect farmland.
- Objective 3. Promote regional recognition of Hadley's agricultural importance.

### **Goal II. Protect Hadley's Public Water Supply**

- Objective 1. Conserve/purchase land for water supply protection.
- Objective 2. Continue water conservation strategies, including raising community awareness.
- Objective 3. Identify and help to mediate a solution for the perchlorate contamination issue.

### **Goal III. Preserve and Protect Historic and Scenic Landscapes**

- Objective 1. Develop a comprehensive plan to protect historic town center and important historic resources.
- Objective 2. Pursue official historic designations for critical areas.
- Objective 3. Protect historically important Great Meadows property.
- Objective 4. Maintain Hadley's rural character through scenic road designations and viewshed protection.
- Objective 5. Ensure permanent protection of conservation lands.

### **Goal IV. Protect Wetlands, Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity**

- Objective 1. Protect undeveloped land in the riparian corridors of the Mill River, Fort River, Harts Brook, and Russellville Brook, as well as the Connecticut River.
- Objective 2. Identify parcels to preserve along water bodies, mountain slopes, and forest habitat areas; and, pursue protection.
- Objective 3. Pursue more conservation restrictions on priority habitat lands.
- Objective 4. Make sure that permit review by all agencies recognizes sensitive resources.

**Goal V. Improve/Expand Recreational Opportunities to Hadley Residents**

- Objective 1. Improve access to existing recreational resources and programs, especially the Connecticut River.
- Objective 2. Identify land for potential trails, and connections between existing recreational areas.
- Objective 3. Improve and expand recreational opportunities for adults, families, and the Elderly, including canoe and kayak access locations.
- Objective 4. Plan for long-range needs for major recreational facilities.
- Objective 5. Continue to support collaborative solutions for the future of Lake Warner and the dam.

**Goal VI. Develop Improved Administrative Practices**

- Objective 1. Expand staff services to Conservation Commission.
- Objective 2. Continue to seek out alternative/additional funding sources for land conservation and protection.
- Objective 3. Facilitate communication and cooperation among the town boards.