

SECTION 9 SEVEN YEAR ACTION PLAN

Goal I: Protect Hadley's Agricultural Lands			
ACTION	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL FUNDING
<i>Objective 1: Continue to ensure town policies are farmer friendly.</i>			
Encourage active participation of the Agricultural Commission in policy decisions	2014-2021	Select Board Agricultural Commission	N/A
Prevent sewer extensions into farming areas	2014-2021	Select Board, Planning Board, Department of Public Works	N/A
Emphasize the importance of agricultural uses in Zoning Bylaw	2014-2021	Planning Board	N/A
Encourage solar development that respects Prime Farmland	2014-2021	Planning Board Agricultural Commission	N/A
<i>Objective 2: Continue to use Agriculture Preservation Restrictions and other means to protect farmland.</i>			
Increase previously set goal of protected farmland to 8,000 acres	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Land Trusts State and Federal Agencies	CPA, Town Funds, MDAR, MDCR, Non-profit Funds
Seek new and alternative funding sources for APR purchases as match for traditional funding sources	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	N/A
<i>Objective 3: Promote regional recognition of Hadley's agricultural importance.</i>			
Promote regional reputation of Hadley farm products	2014-2016	Agricultural Commission	CT River Scenic Farm Byway Funds
Organize farm tours, and consider new forms of marketing and promotion	2015-2017	Agricultural Commission	CT River Scenic Farm Byway Funds
Promote Town's achievements in farmland protection	2014-2021	Agricultural Commission Conservation Commission	CT River Scenic Farm Byway Funds

Goal II: Protect Hadley's Public Water Supply			
ACTION	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL FUNDING
<i>Objective 1: Conserve/purchase land for water supply protection.</i>			
Continue to conserve land in the recharge area of the Callahan and Mt. Warner wells	2014-2021	Select Board Conservation Commission	CPA, Town Funds, MDAR, MDCR, Non-profit Funds
Acquire APRs and CRs on undeveloped land within the Zone II of the town wells	2014-2021	Select Board Conservation Commission Agricultural Commission	CPA, Town Funds, MDAR, MDCR, Non-profit Funds
Monitor development in the southern aquifer zoning overlay district to make sure increased lot size and other zoning changes continue to protect the aquifer	2014-2021	Planning Board	N/A
<i>Objective 2: Continue water conservation strategies, including raising community awareness.</i>			
Enhance stormwater management utilizing Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure technologies to promote infiltration and aquifer recharge	2014-2021	Planning Board Department of Public Works Conservation Commission	Town Funds Private Funds
Research and promote potential irrigation systems that support safe yield in surface and groundwater resources	2014-2017	Agricultural Commission Department of Public Works	N/A
<i>Objective 3: Identify and help mediate a solution for the perchlorate contamination issue.</i>			
Discuss limiting fireworks display on UMASS land within the Zone II	2014-2017	Select Board, DEP Department of Public Works UMASS and Amherst Officials	N/A
Research perchlorate treatment options	2014-2017	Department of Public Works	N/A

Goal III: Preserve and Protect Historic and Scenic Landscapes			
ACTION	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL FUNDING
<i>Objective 1: Develop a comprehensive plan to protect historic town center and important historic resources.</i>			
Produce a brochure on the history of life on the Town Common including early farming on the Great Meadows	2015-2017	Historical Commission Conservation Commission	Town Funds CPA
Develop educational programs for residents and visitors at a location near Town Center to support the cultural significance of the area	2015-2018	Historical Commission Parks and Recreation Commission	Town Funds Grants - TBD
Continue cemetery restoration and maintenance	2014-2021	Select Board Cemetery Committee	Town Funds, CPA Grants - TBD
Consider adoption of a Demolition Delay Bylaw	2015-2017	Historical Commission Planning Board	N/A PVPC Planning Board Assistance
<i>Objective 2: Pursue official historic designations for critical areas.</i>			
Continue to nominate historic buildings and sites to State and National Register	2014-2021	Historical Commission	Town Funds, CPA Grants - TBD
<i>Objective 3: Protect historically important Great Meadows property.</i>			
Continue to protect farmland in partnership with Kestrel Land Trust and State and Federal agencies	2014-2021	Conservation Commission, MDAR, Historical Commission, Kestrel	Town Funds, CPA MDAR. MDCR
Support farmers in appropriate management of this important agricultural resource, and long term protection	2014-2021	Conservation Commission, MDAR, Historical Commission, Kestrel, Agricultural Commission	Town Funds, CPA MDAR. MDCR, NRCS
<i>Objective 4: Maintain Hadley's rural character through scenic road designations and viewshed protection.</i>			
Perform a town-wide Scenic Landscape Inventory	2017-2020	Historical Commission Planning Board	Town Funds, CPA Grants - TBD

		Conservation Commission	
Pursue potential for North and South Maple Streets and Moody Bridge Road to be declared Scenic Roads under State law	2014-2017	Historical Commission	Town Funds, CPA Grants - TBD
Consider adoption of a Scenic Overlay District for Mt. Warner and Route 47 Scenic Byway	2015-2019	Planning Board Conservation Commission	PVPC Planning Board Assistance
Include viewshed protection as a purpose in Conservation Restrictions for scenic areas	2014-2021	Conservation Commission, Kestrel Land Trust	N/A
<i>Objective 5: Ensure permanent protection of conservation lands.</i>			
Ensure deeds for conservation land structure permanent legal protection	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	N/A

Goal IV: Protect Wetlands, Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity			
ACTION	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL FUNDING
<i>Objective 1: Protect undeveloped land in the riparian corridors of the Mill River, Fort River, Harts Brook, Russellville Brook, as well as the Connecticut River.</i>			
Acquire Conservation Restrictions along the Mill River, Fort River, Harts Brook, and Russellville Brook, as well as the Connecticut River.	2015-2021	Conservation Commission, Kestrel, MDCR	Town Funds, CPA MDCR
Work with Fort River Initiative to ensure protected lands form contiguous areas large enough to provide viable habitat for threatened species.	2014-2021	Fort River Partnership Conservation Commission	Town Funds, CPA MDCR
Work with local farmers to support farming practices that protect habitat for wetland and early successional species	2016-2021	Conservation Commission	NRCS, MDAR
<i>Objective 2: Identify parcels to preserve along water bodies, mountain slopes, and forest habitat areas; and, pursue protection.</i>			
Certify all identified vernal pools, especially those threatened by development	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	Volunteers
Conduct outreach to property owners about potential vernal pools and seek certification	2015-2021	Conservation Commission	Town Funds
Protect remaining wetland areas from development	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	Town Funds, CPA MDCR

<i>Objective 3: Pursue more conservation restrictions on priority habitat lands.</i>			
Continue to focus on habitat enhancement aspects of Wetlands Protection Act permitting, and purposes for Conservation Restrictions	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	N/A
Raise community awareness through family-oriented events about the importance of priority habitat to promote the donation of Conservation Restrictions	2016-2021	Conservation Commission	Grants-TBD
<i>Objective 4: Make sure that permit review by all agencies recognizes sensitive resources.</i>			
Ensure site plan and special permit reviews recognize sensitive non-wetland habitats	2014-2021	Planning Board	N/A
Prevent extension of utilities, especially sewer lines, into areas that should not be residentially or commercially developed.	2014-2021	Select Board, Planning Board	N/A

Goal V: Improve/Expand Recreational Opportunities to Hadley Residents			
ACTION	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL FUNDING
<i>Objective 1: Improve access to existing recreational resources and programs, especially the Connecticut River.</i>			
Continue development of programs and office space within town buildings that are fully accessible to all including those with limited mobility	2014-2021	Select Board Parks and Recreation Commission	Town Funds Grants - TBD
Meet with local marina operators for suggestions about access to the CT River; Develop more fishing and boating access to ponds and rivers	2015-2021	Conservation Commission Parks and Recreation Commission, Select Board	CPA, Town Funds Grants - TBD
Negotiate with private landowners whose property is between public roads and publically owned riverfront property to determine potential access strategies	2015-2021	Parks and Recreation Commission, Select Board	N/A
Expand controlled public access to more of the Hadley Dike and consider improvements such as signage and benches	2015-2021	Select Board Conservation Commission	CPA, Town Funds

<i>Objective 2: Identify land for potential trails, and connections between existing recreational areas.</i>			
Investigate expanding walking and biking trails to connect existing trails to neighborhoods and recreational destinations	2014-2021	Parks and Recreation Commission	N/A
Prioritize protection of open space parcels that are adjacent to already protected parcels for passive recreation	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Park and Recreation Commission	N/A
Determine whether linkage trails on private farmland and publicly owned riverfront property are needed and feasible; and develop trail map for public.	2016-2021	Conservation Commission Agricultural Commission	Grants-TBD
Work with developers to include trail easements through new developments to expand trail network	2014-2021	Planning Board Park and Recreation Commission	N/A
<i>Objective 3: Improve and expand recreational opportunities for adults, families, and the Elderly, including canoe and kayak access locations.</i>			
Provide programming for the elderly in buildings that are fully accessible to those with limited mobility	2014-2021	Parks and Recreation Commission	N/A
Look for ways to use Community Preservation Act funds in partnership with public/private funds to improve and expand recreation facilities	2014-2021	Parks and Recreation Commission	N/A
Continue development of recreational opportunities at Hadley Reservoir	2014-2021	Parks and Recreation Commission	Town Funds
Create a map of the Town's recreation facilities and open space properties for the public	2016-2019	Parks and Recreation Commission Conservation Commission	Grants-TBD
<i>Objective 4: Plan for long-range needs for major recreational facilities.</i>			
Develop a long-range master plan for playing fields, swimming pool, and other recreational facilities	2015-2017	Parks and Recreation Commission School Committee	Grants-TBD
Explore partnership with UMASS for cooperative funding and expanded Hadley resident use of existing UMASS facilities	2015-2021	Select Board Park and Recreation Committee	N/A

<i>Objective 5: Continue to support collaborative solutions for the future of Lake Warner and the dam.</i>			
Continue to work with Kestrel and other Lake Warner stakeholders on solutions to restore the ecological integrity of the lake and the Mill River, and provide recreational opportunities there.	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Select Board	Grants-TBD

Goal VI: Develop Improved Administrative Practices			
ACTION	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL FUNDING
<i>Objective 1: Expand staff services to Conservation Commission.</i>			
Establish funding sources for expanded staff services for wetlands and open space protection	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Select Board	Town Funds, Grants - TBD
<i>Objective 2: Continue to seek out alternative/additional funding sources for land conservation and protection.</i>			
Continue to work with local colleges for needed plans and studies, including design work for recreational facilities	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Select Board	N/A
<i>Objective 3: Facilitate communication and cooperation among the town boards.</i>			
Improve communication with State and Federal agencies, non-profits and town boards on land protection projects	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Kestrel, MDCR	N/A
Facilitate communication between the Conservation Commission and Planning Board on projects	2014-2021	Conservation Commission Planning Board	N/A
Schedule at least annual “all boards” meeting for town officials	2014-2021	Select Board	N/A
Continue to support local land trusts and conservation organizations in their outreach to residents about conservation options	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	N/A
Invite representatives from local land trusts and other conservation organizations to meet with the Conservation at least once per year	2014-2021	Conservation Commission	N/A