

APPENDIX D

PUBLIC COMMENTS



Town of Westminister

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
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March 6, 2014

Westminister Open Space Committee &
Master Plan Committee
11 South Street
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Dear Open Space & Master Plan Committees:

The Westminister Planning Board has reviewed the draft 2014 Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) and appreciates the hard work that both of your committees have put into this project. We recognize that the OSRP, along with the Master Plan, is an important component of the Town's long-range planning efforts.

The Board supports the OSRP's emphasis on protecting the Town's working landscapes for the dual purposes of promoting agriculture as an important component of our local economy and as a means of preserving the Town's rural landscape.

We concur with the OSRP's goals and look forward to implementing those items in the action plan that fall under the Planning Board's jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Jon Wyman, Chairman
Westminister Planning Board



MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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February 28, 2014

Stephen Wallace
Westminster Town Planner
Town Hall
11 South Street
Westminster MA 01473

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This letter is in response to your request that the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) review and comment on the Town of Westminster's 2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Based upon this review, the MRPC finds that the plan is well put together and contains all of the required sections according to the Open Space Guidebook as published by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA). Additionally, the MRPC would like to offer the following comment(s):

- Within Sections 2.B. and 3.C., EOEEA guidance requests information and mapping of Environmental Justice populations within the community as well as the outreach efforts made towards these specific populations. If the town of Westminster does not have any populations that can be classified as EJ, it should be specifically noted and reflected within Required Map 2 (see page 1 under Section 3.C. Population Characteristics of the EOEEA *Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements* Guidebook).
- Section 2.B. does not list the names of "the primary researchers, writers, people who worked on committees, etc." for the development of this plan.

I hope that this review is helpful to the town and if there are any questions, comments or clarification needed regarding the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (978) 345-7376 ext. 311.

Sincerely,

Brad Harris

Brad Harris
Transportation Project Director

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Town of Westminster

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Westminster Open Space Committee and
Master Plan Committee
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Westminster, MA 01473

Dear Open Space & Master Plan Committees:

The Westminster Conservation Commission has reviewed the draft 2014 Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) and appreciates the hard work that both of your committees have put into this project. We recognize that the OSRP, along with the Master Plan, is an important component of the Town's long-range planning efforts.

The Commission supports the OSRP's emphasis on protecting the Town's working landscapes for the dual purposes of promoting agriculture as an important component of our local economy and as a means of preserving the Town's rural landscape.

We concur with the OSRP's goals and look forward to implementing those items in the action plan that fall under the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Dan Bartkus, Chairman
Westminster Conservation Commission



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March 10, 2014

Westminster Open Space Committee &
Master Plan Committee
11 South Street
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Dear Open Space & Master Plan Committees:

The Westminster Board of Selectmen has reviewed the draft 2014 Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP). The Board appreciates and supports the efforts of both committees in putting this plan together. We recognize the importance of the OSRP and Master Plan in accomplishing the Town's long-range planning goals.

The Board supports the plan's emphasis on safeguarding the character of our community in conjunction with the promotion of agriculture as an important component of our local economy and as a means of preserving the Town's rural landscape.

Again, we appreciate your efforts in identifying and prioritizing the needs of our community and we look forward to working with the Committee in implementing the action plan.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. Walker, Chairman