



**TOWN OF HAMILTON
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
2019**

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GOAL 1: Preserve and protect the Town's open space and natural areas that provide opportunities for passive recreation (walking, hiking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, enjoyment of nature, etc.), drinking water supply, wildlife and plant habitat, agriculture and forestry, and rural scenic character of the Town

Objectives:

- 1: Identify priority parcels for protection, and develop strategies for conservation, including partnerships and funding sources
- 2: Protect priority parcels through acquisition, conservation restrictions, agricultural restrictions or other means
- 3: Maintain and enhance existing trail networks and maintain trail connectivity
- 4: Educate citizens on the need for and benefits of open space acquisition and protection, and build support for key acquisitions

GOAL 2: Provide, expand and maintain adequate facilities and resources for active recreational opportunities for all residents

Objectives:

- 1: Acquire and develop additional playing fields to meet the high demand for youth and adult sports
- 2: Redevelop and maintain existing athletic fields including developing turf field(s) and consideration of lighting to extend use

GOAL 3: Provide adequate, dedicated funding sources for open space and recreational facility acquisition and maintenance

Objectives:

- 1: Explore with other Town boards the creation of a Town conservation fund
- 2: Work with Community Preservation Committee on funding for priority acquisitions and projects
- 3: Work with local conservation organizations on partnerships to fund and acquire priority parcels (including through state grants)