

Casco Open Space Plan Outline

1. Introduction

- Purpose of Casco's Open Space Plan
- Relationship to the community's Comprehensive Plan and other adopted plans
- Planning horizon and intended use of the document
- Summary of planning process and key inputs

2. Our Existing Open Space Network (Informed by Existing Conditions Summary, GIS Inventory/Analysis, and State of Maine Data)

- Inventory of conservation lands and recreation assets (From GIS Inventory)
- Natural resources and environmental features (Each of these is a page or less...snapshot)
 - Water resources
 - Forests and wildlife habitat
 - Agricultural and working lands
 - Recreation and trail systems
 - Scenic and cultural resources
 - Development patterns and growth pressures
 - Climate resilience and environmental constraints
 - Key findings and trends influencing open space planning
- Role of open space in supporting other community goals (environmental, economic, recreational, transportation, and quality of life)

3. What we Learned from Residents

- Overview of the outreach and engagement process
- Key themes and takeaways from public input
 - Values and priorities
 - Concerns and challenges

- Desired future conditions

4. Casco's Open Space Vision

- Community vision for open space, conservation, and recreation
- Guiding Themes informed by public input and existing conditions
- Alignment with broader community and regional goals

5. Opportunities, Constraints, and Needs Assessment – by Theme?

- Opportunities for conservation and recreation enhancement
- Constraints and vulnerabilities
 - Environmental limitations
 - Access and equity considerations
 - Maintenance and funding challenges/needs
- Priority needs identified through analysis and public input
- Relationship between conservation priorities and other community needs

6. Conclusion

- Summary of the plan's importance
- Call to action for continued stewardship and community involvement

7. Implementation Framework

(Organized by the established themes)

For each implementation theme:

- Theme description and intent
- Priority actions and strategies
- Responsible parties and Potential partners

- Timeframe (short-, medium-, long-term)
- Funding and resource considerations
- Performance measures and indicators

Appendices

- Detailed conservation land and recreation inventories - Maps and GIS data
- Public Outreach Report
- Existing Conditions Report