

SECTION 10

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public feedback was sought throughout the entire open space and recreation planning process. The text and maps included in the Plan reflect these enhancements. A more direct request for feedback on the maps and 5-Year Action Plan was made at the Public Forum held at the Whately Town Hall on June 14, 2006. Participants were encouraged to review the draft maps and note any additions or changes directly on the maps. A lively question and answer session followed the PowerPoint presentation delivered by staff from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The entire Forum was broadcast live via Whately Cable and comments from the participants were recorded by a Committee member (see Appendix D). Comments received during the Public Forum were incorporated into the maps and the 5 -Year Action Plan.

Copies of the final version of the Whately Open Space and Recreation Plan were sent to the following boards and organizations for review and comment:

- Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS)
- Whately Select Board
- Whately Planning Board
- Whately Conservation Commission
- Whately Recreation Committee
- Franklin Land Trust

Letters of comment are inserted into the plan at the end of this section. The letters reflect a broad base of support for the research, analysis, outreach and recommendations developed by the Whately Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee.