

- i) new development parcels will conform to the land division policies contained in Section 6 of this Plan.

5.17 Lands Designated “Parks and Open Space”

The provision of a variety of recreational opportunities is critical to the maintenance of healthy communities in the Town of Essex. Through the designation of lands for “Parks and Open Space” purposes and by land acquisition, the Town strives to ensure that sufficient recreational, open space and park facilities are provided to meet the leisure needs and desires of present and future residents, businesses and visitors to the Town.

The following goals and policies apply to lands designated “Parks and Open Space” in Schedules “A-1”, “A-2”, “A-3” and “A-4” to this Plan.

Goals

- a) to ensure that the Town maintains and acquires an adequate supply of open space;
- b) to ensure that open space areas are provided in suitable locations at an appropriate size and within reasonable walking distances so as to maximize their accessibility and usefulness for all area residents;
- c) to secure additional public beach, waterfront parkland, recreationways and linear park systems through the Town;
- d) to enhance natural heritage areas and promote connectivity between natural corridors.

Policies

Permitted Uses:

- a) active and passive parks, public or private recreational uses and facilities, including but not limited to golf courses, golf driving ranges and picnic areas;
- b) uses accessory to the forgoing uses.

Provisions:

- a) unless otherwise specifically provided, all new uses will conform to standards related to parking, vehicular access, lighting, landscaping and buffering as established in the implementing Zoning By-law and through site plan control;
- b) in general, development will be free of barriers to persons with disabilities and permit movement by pedestrians and bicyclists, the elderly and persons with special needs in a safe and efficient manner;

- c) development will be subject to site plan control pursuant to Section 41 of the Planning Act;
- d) new development parcels will conform to the land division policies contained in Section 6 of this Plan.

5.18 Lands Designated “Community Service Facility”

Lands designated “Community Service Facility” in Schedules “A-1”, “A-2”, “A-3” and “A-4” to this Plan have existing community service uses.

Goals

- a) to recognize existing community serving facilities and to provide for the future re-use of existing facilities and to provide for the future re-use of existing facilities.

Policies

Permitted Uses:

- a) the predominant uses of land are publicly owned or operated community serving facilities such as municipal offices, police offices, fire halls, public works yards, government buildings, schools, as well as churches, cemeteries, private clubs and public halls;
- b) ancillary uses which benefit from close proximity to or complement community service uses; existing dwellings;
- c) uses accessory to the foregoing uses.

Provisions:

- a) unless otherwise specifically provided, all new uses within the “Community Service Facility” designation will conform to standards related to parking, vehicular access, lighting, landscaping and buffering as established in the implementing Zoning By-law for general commercial uses and through site plan control;
- b) in general, development will be free of barriers to persons with disabilities and permit movement by pedestrians and bicyclists, the elderly and persons with special needs in a safe and efficient manner;
- c) development will be subject to site plan control pursuant to Section 41 of the Planning Act;