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The members of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee wish to dedicate this Plan to the memory of our late fellow member, Roger D. Hohman. He will be remembered for his dedication to the civic life of our town, and his tireless championing of open space preservation and environmental conservation.

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