

OSRP Action Items by Topic

	ID	Action Item	Objective	Responsible Party	Timing	Priority
▼ Agriculture						
	2.3-B	Develop programs to support the vital role Grafton's farmers play in the local economy.	Protect Grafton's farms	Select Board, Planning, Economic Development	Medium	M
	2.3-A	Work closely with the agricultural commission to explore and develop mechanisms for the protection and maintenance of working farms in Grafton.	Protect Grafton's farms	Assessors, Select Board, Conservation, Grafton Land Trust	Long	L
	5.3-B	Work with Grafton's working farmers and agricultural land owners to encourage the continued preservation of the Town's remaining agricultural resources.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Economic Development, Planning, Conservation, Ag Commission	Long	L
▼ Develop & Update Plans						
	4.1-B	Develop a 5-year Capital Improvements plan for all recreation facilities under the Recreation Commission's jurisdiction.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Recreation	Ongoing	H
	1.5-A	Ensure there is a water quality plan in place for all of town water bodies that is actively maintained and implemented.	Take measures to improve the quality of Grafton's surface waters	Conservation, Select Board	Short	H
	3.1-A	Work with Town officials to update the Town of Grafton master plan.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Planning, Select Board	Medium	H
	4.6-B	Develop plan to make all publicly available data on hunting, trapping and fishing opportunities on Grafton's conservation lands available through the Town's website.	Improve fishing, hunting, and trapping opportunities	Conservation	Short	M
	4.1-C	Develop a multi-year funding plan to finance better management of conservation and recreation lands.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Recreation, Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
	3.1-B	Revise and/or update Open Space and Recreation Plan prior to expiration.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Recreation, Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Long (Expires 2028)	M
	4.5-A	Develop management plans and strategic goals for Grafton's conservation lands and active recreational facilities.	Plan for year-round, active and passive recreational use of public space	Recreation, Conservation	Long	M
	6.2-E	Explore opportunities for development of a Town Trolley or other circulator to connect popular cultural and open space destinations.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Economic Development, Select Board, Recreation, Historical Commission	Long	L
▼ Land Inventory & Acquisition						

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1.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect drinking water supply and surface water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	H
2.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect ecologically sensitive lands and establish Open Space Corridors.	Protect ecologically sensitive lands	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Ongoing	H
5.1-A	Develop priority list of parcels for immediate and future acquisition of land to expand and connect existing resources, based on risk, proximity to existing resources and other factors.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation, Planning, Select Board	Ongoing	H
6.2-D	Prioritize land acquisitions to purchase parcels that increase connectivity.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Conservation, Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Planning	Ongoing	H
6.4-B	Secure land along Silver Lake shoreline, Quinsigamond River, Blackstone River and Fisherville Mill Pond toward the development of a comprehensive Green Belt.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Conservation, Recreation, Select Board, Planning, Grafton Land Trust	Ongoing	H
5.1-C	Annually Evaluate existing tax title properties and where appropriate, seek to place under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Assessors, Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	M
5.4-A	Work to establish a committee to review Town-owned land for updated uses related to open space and recreation needs. Committee would specifically focus on lands emerging out of Chapter Lands programs.	Establish an Open Space and Recreation Site Committee to review Town-owned land and prioritize parcels that could be used for conservation and recreation purposes	Assessors, Conservation, Recreation, Planning, Select Board	Short	M
5.2-A	Identify gaps in trail network that might be filled with new land acquisitions.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Trails Committee, Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Medium	M
5.2-C	Develop a map or other tool that identifies and prioritizes areas underserved by recreation facilities and other gaps.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Recreation	Medium	M
2.2-B	Secure conservation easements for the town owned open space properties where protection is appropriate.	Protect ecologically sensitive lands	Conservation	Long	M
3.1-C	Update and maintain Town inventory of scenic lands and special places.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Historical Commission, Planning	Medium	L
▼ Maintenance & Improvement					
2.1-C	Proactively monitor and audit existing conservation lands to prevent encroachment and ensure conservation restrictions are having their intended effect.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Ongoing	H

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4.1-B	Develop a 5-year Capital Improvements plan for all recreation facilities under the Recreation Commission's jurisdiction.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Recreation	Ongoing	H
6.2-B	Develop and maintain up-to-date inventory of sidewalks, including current condition, to promote timely repair and improvement of sidewalk network.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	DPW, Select Board	Ongoing	H
1.5-A	Ensure there is a water quality plan in place for all of town water bodies that is actively maintained and implemented.	Take measures to improve the quality of Grafton's surface waters	Conservation, Select Board	Short	H
4.2-A	Improve signage and other wayfinding, identifying the location/access points for all conservation lands that are open to the public.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/ historic resources	Trails Committee, Conservation	Short	H
1.3-D	Inspect sewer system and identify contingency plans for spills and leaks.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Sewer, DPW	Ongoing	M
4.1-C	Develop a multi-year funding plan to finance better management of conservation and recreation lands.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Select Board, Conservation, Recreation	Medium	M
4.3-A	Increase available parking space and improve condition of parking at conservation properties.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Select Board, Conservation, DPW	Medium	M
4.5-A	Develop management plans and strategic goals for Grafton's conservation lands and active recreational facilities.	Plan for year-round, active and passive recreational use of public space	Recreation, Conservation	Long	M
6.2-A	Restore and maintain the waterway identification signs at road crossings.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Conservation, DPW	Ongoing	L
▼ Public Information & Education					
6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Police, Fire, Planning, DPW, Recreation, School Department	Ongoing	H
4.2-A	Improve signage and other wayfinding, identifying the location/access points for all conservation lands that are open to the public.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/ historic resources	Trails Committee, Conservation	Short	H
1.3-A	Concentrate educational efforts to address nonconforming uses within well recharge areas.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Building, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	M
1.3-B	Conduct outreach efforts to homeowners and business owners regarding nonpoint source pollution reduction practices.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	DPW, Conservation	Ongoing	M

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	1.3-C	Encourage monitoring and repair of individual septic systems by property owners through education actions.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Conservation, Health	Ongoing*	M
	6.4-D	Pursue policies to encourage private developers grant easements as part of any new developments along Green Belt route.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Select Board, Conservation, Planning	Ongoing	M
	4.6-B	Develop plan to make all publicly available data on hunting, trapping and fishing opportunities on Grafton's conservation lands available through the Town's website.	Improve fishing, hunting, and trapping opportunities	Conservation	Short	M
	2.1-B	Provide information to landowners regarding available mechanisms to permanently protect open space parcels.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Planning, Assessors, Conservation, Select Board	Medium	M
	6.2-A	Restore and maintain the waterway identification signs at road crossings.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	DPW, Conservation	Ongoing	L
	3.1-D	Coordinate with the Historic Commission and other relevant organizations to help build awareness of the historical significance of Grafton's historical and cultural places.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Planning, Conservation, Select Board	Short	L
	5.3-B	Work with Grafton's working farmers and agricultural land owners to encourage the continued preservation of the Town's remaining agricultural resources.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Planning, Economic Development, Conservation, Ag Commission	Long	L
▼ Recreation						
	4.1-B	Develop a 5-year Capital Improvements plan for all recreation facilities under the Recreation Commission's jurisdiction.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Recreation	Ongoing	H
	5.2-B	Develop and promote programs for all age groups and user groups within the population.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Recreation, Conservation	Ongoing	M
	4.3-C	Increase recreation opportunities for a variety of user groups and special populations including teenagers and handicapped persons.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Conservation, Recreation	Medium	M
	4.5-A	Develop management plans and strategic goals for Grafton's conservation lands and active recreational facilities.	Plan for year-round, active and passive recreational use of public space	Conservation, Recreation	Long	M
▼ Regional Efforts						

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2.4-B	Implement recommendations of the BRVHC's Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment. BRVHC's Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment recommendations can be found at mmend.1:1df. mmend.1:1df.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Conservation, Planning	Medium	M
1.1-A	Continue to support efforts to work with the Blackstone River Watershed Council and other organizations by establishing points of contact, developing working relationships, participating in regional conferences and other activities.	Continue to support regional efforts to improve and maintain the quality of the Blackstone River and its watershed in order to maximize its use	Planning, Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	L
2.4-C	Maintain partnerships with key open space protection allies such as OCR, Trust for Public Lands, the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc., Grafton Land Trust and Sudbury Valley Trustees.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Planning, Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	L
4.6-A	Coordinate with DCR with stocking at Cronin and Miscoe Brooks.	Improve fishing, hunting, and trapping opportunities	Conservation, Select Board	Ongoing	L
4.4-A	Continue to support the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor, Inc. and DCR's goals for the Blackstone River and Canal by facilitating the development of park lands and recreational opportunities in their vicinity.	Support Blackstone Bikeway	Conservation, Recreation, Planning	Long	L
6.3-A	Cooperate with the development of the Worcester to Providence bikeway.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Planning, Select Board	Long	L
▼ Regulatory					
1.2-C	Reconcile town storm water regulations with the Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations to ensure consistency and enhance protection of land and water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Planning, Conservation	Short	H
2.1-A	Amend Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations so that they require the retention of open space for wildlife corridors on all parcels located between or adjacent to open space.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Planning	Short	H
5.3-C	Amend flexible development rules in Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations to require developers to clearly and permanently mark open spaces in subdivisions through the installation of signage or other permanent method.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Conservation, Planning	Short	H
2.4-A	Strengthen low impact development {LID} requirement language in town bylaws.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Planning, Conservation	Medium	H

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	1.2-B	Review and update water supply protection overlay district at regular intervals.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Planning	Ongoing	M
	1.4-A	Review and update the regulations of the Grafton Wetland Protection Bylaw at regular intervals.	Protect and restore significant wetland areas	Conservation	Ongoing	M
	2.1-D	Develop enforcement protocol for encroachment.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Police, Conservation, Select Board	Medium	M
	3.2-A	Ensure Grafton's design guidelines reflect most up-to-date recommendations of the BVHC, Historic Commission and other local/regional organizations.	Encourage the use of both Grafton's, the BHC Inc.'s and Historic Commission's design guidelines	Planning	Medium	M
	3.3-A	Explore Zoning Bylaw Amendments and other land use policies and programs that encourage the preservation of the character of Grafton's historic districts.	Encourage the continuation of Grafton's historic patterns of development where they are discernible	Historical Commission, Planning	Medium	M
	5.3-A	Evaluate Transfer of Development Rights for possible adoption.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Ag Commission, Conservation, Planning	Long	L
▼ Trails						
	4.1-A	Create Trails Subcommittee via Conservation Commission.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Conservation	Short	H
	4.2-B	Prepare paper and digital resources (including social media) detailing the town's recreation facilities, public open spaces, trail systems, and other resources to publicize Grafton's special places to new residents and visitors.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/historic resources	Recreation, Conservation, Select Board	Short	H
	4.2-C	Develop a plan to ensure coordination between land trust and other agencies/organizations to make data on trails publicly available on the same platforms and in the same formats.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/historic resources	Conservation	Short	H
	4.3-B	Inventory and map all open space trails identifying their current condition, maintenance needed.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Conservation, Trails Committee, Grafton Land Trust	Medium	M
	4.3-D	Develop plan to ensure all coordinated trails data is made available to emergency services personnel.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Police, Conservation, Select Board, Fire, Grafton Land Trust	Medium	M
	5.2-A	Identify gaps in trail network that might be filled with new land acquisitions.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Grafton Land Trust, Trails Committee, Conservation	Medium	M

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6.4-C	Pursue development of trails along parcels along lands already owned by the Town, Land Trust or other public agency.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Trails Committee, Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Medium	M
5.1-B	Develop an outreach program when planning the town-wide trails to secure cooperation of affected landowners.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Conservation, Trails Committee	Long	L
5.2-D	Create a Grafton Trail Loop and Layout preferred location and begin securing trail easements with affected property owners.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Trails Committee, Recreation, Conservation	Long	L
6.1-A	Explore options for use of Grafton-Upton Railroad ROW from Snow Road intersection in the North to the Upton border in the South for a multi-use trail. The section South of the Town Common will be a key component of a walking path from the Common to Silver Lake. Explore other options for town-wide trails as well.	Improve and expand the system of Town-wide trails to provide a variety of recreational opportunities, such as hiking, jogging, skiing, biking, and horseback riding	Select Board, Conservation	Long	L
6.3-B	Work with relevant town and regional organizations to develop a map of existing trails and proposed routes and destinations.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Planning, Conservation	Long	L
6.3-C	Work with neighboring communities to develop trail, bikeway and other connections between communities.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Conservation, Planning	Long	L
6.4-A	Develop Grafton Trail Loop, Green Belt Master Plan laying out possible easement routes, identifying publicly and privately-owned parcels and developing a strategy for securing easements, funding sources and other logistics	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Planning, Recreation, Select Board, Conservation	Long	L

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▼ Ag Commission						
	5.3-A	Evaluate Transfer of Development Rights for possible adoption.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Conservation, Planning	Long	L
	5.3-B	Work with Grafton's working farmers and agricultural land owners to encourage the continued preservation of the Town's remaining agricultural resources.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Planning, Economic Development, Conservation	Long	L
▼ Assessors						
	5.1-C	Annually Evaluate existing tax title properties and where appropriate, seek to place under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	M
	5.4-A	Work to establish a committee to review Town-owned land for updated uses related to open space and recreation needs. Committee would specifically focus on lands emerging out of Chapter Lands programs.	Establish an Open Space and Recreation Site Committee to review Town-owned land and prioritize parcels that could be used for conservation and recreation purposes	Select Board, Planning, Recreation, Conservation	Short	M
	2.1-B	Provide information to landowners regarding available mechanisms to permanently protect open space parcels.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Medium	M
	2.3-A	Work closely with the agricultural commission to explore and develop mechanisms for the protection and maintenance of working farms in Grafton.	Protect Grafton's farms	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Conservation	Long	L
▼ Building						
	1.3-A	Concentrate educational efforts to address nonconforming uses within well recharge areas.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	M
▼ Conservation						
	1.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect drinking water supply and surface water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board	Ongoing	H
	2.1-C	Proactively monitor and audit existing conservation lands to prevent encroachment and ensure conservation restrictions are having their intended effect.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Grafton Land Trust	Ongoing	H
	2.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect ecologically sensitive lands and establish Open Space Corridors.	Protect ecologically sensitive lands	Grafton Land Trust	Ongoing	H

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6.2-D	Prioritize land acquisitions to purchase parcels that increase connectivity.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Grafton Land Trust, Planning, Select Board	Ongoing	H
6.4-B	Secure land along Silver Lake shoreline, Quinsigamond River, Blackstone River and Fisherville Mill Pond toward the development of a comprehensive Green Belt.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Recreation, Planning	Ongoing	H
1.2-C	Reconcile town storm water regulations with the Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations to ensure consistency and enhance protection of land and water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Planning	Short	H
1.5-A	Ensure there is a water quality plan in place for all of town water bodies that is actively maintained and implemented.	Take measures to improve the quality of Grafton's surface waters	Select Board	Short	H
4.1-A	Create Trails Subcommittee via Conservation Commission.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities		Short	H
4.2-A	Improve signage and other wayfinding, identifying the location/access points for all conservation lands that are open to the public.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/ historic resources	Trails Committee	Short	H
4.2-B	Prepare paper and digital resources (including social media) detailing the town's recreation facilities, public open spaces, trail systems, and other resources to publicize Grafton's special places to new residents and visitors.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/ historic resources	Select Board, Recreation	Short	H
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5.1-B	Develop an outreach program when planning the town-wide trails to secure cooperation of affected landowners.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Trails Committee	Long	L
5.2-D	Create a Grafton Trail Loop and Layout preferred location and begin securing trail easements with affected property owners.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Recreation, Trails Committee	Long	L
5.3-A	Evaluate Transfer of Development Rights for possible adoption.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Ag Commission, Planning	Long	L
5.3-B	Work with Grafton's working farmers and agricultural land owners to encourage the continued preservation of the Town's remaining agricultural resources.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Planning, Economic Development, Ag Commission	Long	L
6.1-A	Explore options for use of Grafton-Upton Railroad ROW from Snow Road intersection in the North to the Upton border in the South for a multi-use trail. The section South of the Town Common will be a key component of a walking path from the Common to Silver Lake. Explore other options for town-wide trails as well.	Improve and expand the system of Town-wide trails to provide a variety of recreational opportunities, such as hiking, jogging, skiing, biking, and horseback riding	Select Board	Long	L
6.3-B	Work with relevant town and regional organizations to develop a map of existing trails and proposed routes and destinations.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Planning	Long	L
6.3-C	Work with neighboring communities to develop trail, bikeway and other connections between communities.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Planning	Long	L

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	6.4-A	Develop Grafton Trail Loop, Green Belt Master Plan laying out possible easement routes, identifying publicly and privately-owned parcels and developing a strategy for securing easements, funding sources and other logistics	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Recreation, Select Board, Planning	Long	L
▼ DPW						
	6.2-B	Develop and maintain up-to-date inventory of sidewalks, including current condition, to promote timely repair and improvement of sidewalk network.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Select Board	Ongoing	H
	6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Recreation, Planning, Fire, Police, School Department	Ongoing	H
	1.3-B	Conduct outreach efforts to homeowners and business owners regarding nonpoint source pollution reduction practices.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Conservation	Ongoing	M
	1.3-D	Inspect sewer system and identify contingency plans for spills and leaks.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Sewer	Ongoing	M
	4.3-A	Increase available parking space and improve condition of parking at conservation properties.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
	6.2-A	Restore and maintain the waterway identification signs at road crossings.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Conservation	Ongoing	L
▼ Economic Development						
	2.3-B	Develop programs to support the vital role Grafton's farmers play in the local economy.	Protect Grafton's farms	Planning, Select Board	Medium	M
	5.3-B	Work with Grafton's working farmers and agricultural land owners to encourage the continued preservation of the Town's remaining agricultural resources.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Planning, Conservation, Ag Commission	Long	L
	6.2-E	Explore opportunities for development of a Town Trolley or other circulator to connect popular cultural and open space destinations.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Historical Commission, Recreation, Select Board	Long	L
▼ Fire						
	6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Recreation, DPW, Planning, Police, School Department	Ongoing	H

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	4.3-D	Develop plan to ensure all coordinated trails data is made available to emergency services personnel.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Grafton Land Trust, Police, Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
▼ Grafton Land Trust						
	1.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect drinking water supply and surface water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Conservation, Select Board	Ongoing	H
	2.1-C	Proactively monitor and audit existing conservation lands to prevent encroachment and ensure conservation restrictions are having their intended effect.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Conservation	Ongoing	H
	2.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect ecologically sensitive lands and establish Open Space Corridors.	Protect ecologically sensitive lands	Conservation	Ongoing	H
	5.1-A	Develop priority list of parcels for immediate and future acquisition of land to expand and connect existing resources, based on risk, proximity to existing resources and other factors.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	6.2-D	Prioritize land acquisitions to purchase parcels that increase connectivity.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Planning, Conservation, Select Board	Ongoing	H
	6.4-B	Secure land along Silver Lake shoreline, Quinsigamond River, Blackstone River and Fisherville Mill Pond toward the development of a comprehensive Green Belt.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Select Board, Recreation, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	4.3-B	Inventory and map all open space trails identifying their current condition, maintenance needed.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Trails Committee, Conservation	Medium	M
	4.3-D	Develop plan to ensure all coordinated trails data is made available to emergency services personnel.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Fire, Police, Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
	5.2-A	Identify gaps in trail network that might be filled with new land acquisitions.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Trails Committee, Conservation	Medium	M
	6.4-C	Pursue development of trails along parcels along lands already owned by the Town, Land Trust or other public agency.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Trails Committee, Conservation	Medium	M
	2.3-A	Work closely with the agricultural commission to explore and develop mechanisms for the protection and maintenance of working farms in Grafton.	Protect Grafton's farms	Select Board, Assessors, Conservation	Long	L
▼ Health						

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1.3-C	Encourage monitoring and repair of individual septic systems by property owners through education actions.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Conservation	Ongoing*	M
▼ Historical Commission					
3.3-A	Explore Zoning Bylaw Amendments and other land use policies and programs that encourage the preservation of the character of Grafton's historic districts.	Encourage the continuation of Grafton's historic patterns of development where they are discernible	Planning	Medium	M
3.1-C	Update and maintain Town inventory of scenic lands and special places.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Planning	Medium	L
6.2-E	Explore opportunities for development of a Town Trolley or other circulator to connect popular cultural and open space destinations.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Economic Development, Recreation, Select Board	Long	L
▼ Planning					
5.1-A	Develop priority list of parcels for immediate and future acquisition of land to expand and connect existing resources, based on risk, proximity to existing resources and other factors.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	H
6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Recreation, DPW, Fire, Police, School Department	Ongoing	H
6.2-D	Prioritize land acquisitions to purchase parcels that increase connectivity.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation, Select Board	Ongoing	H
6.4-B	Secure land along Silver Lake shoreline, Quinsigamond River, Blackstone River and Fisherville Mill Pond toward the development of a comprehensive Green Belt.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Recreation, Conservation	Ongoing	H
1.2-C	Reconcile town storm water regulations with the Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations to ensure consistency and enhance protection of land and water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Conservation	Short	H
2.1-A	Amend Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations so that they require the retention of open space for wildlife corridors on all parcels located between or adjacent to open space.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources		Short	H

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5.3-C	Amend flexible development rules in Grafton Subdivision Rules and Regulations to require developers to clearly and permanently mark open spaces in subdivisions through the installation of signage or other permanent method.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Conservation	Short	H
2.4-A	Strengthen low impact development {LID} requirement language in town bylaws.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Conservation	Medium	H
3.1-A	Work with Town officials to update the Town of Grafton master plan.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Select Board	Medium	H
1.2-B	Review and update water supply protection overlay district at regular intervals.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community		Ongoing	M
1.3-A	Concentrate educational efforts to address nonconforming uses within well recharge areas.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	Building, Conservation	Ongoing	M
5.1-C	Annually Evaluate existing tax title properties and where appropriate, seek to place under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Select Board, Assessors, Conservation	Ongoing	M
6.4-D	Pursue policies to encourage private developers grant easements as part of any new developments along Green Belt route.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	M
5.4-A	Work to establish a committee to review Town-owned land for updated uses related to open space and recreation needs. Committee would specifically focus on lands emerging out of Chapter Lands programs.	Establish an Open Space and Recreation Site Committee to review Town-owned land and prioritize parcels that could be used for conservation and recreation purposes	Assessors, Select Board, Recreation, Conservation	Short	M
2.1-B	Provide information to landowners regarding available mechanisms to permanently protect open space parcels.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Select Board, Conservation, Assessors	Medium	M
2.3-B	Develop programs to support the vital role Grafton's farmers play in the local economy.	Protect Grafton's farms	Economic Development, Select Board	Medium	M
2.4-B	Implement recommendations of the BRVHC's Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment. BRVHC's Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment recommendations can be found at mmend.1:1df. mmend.1:1df.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Conservation	Medium	M
3.2-A	Ensure Grafton's design guidelines reflect most up-to-date recommendations of the BVHC, Historic Commission and other local/regional organizations.	Encourage the use of both Grafton's, the BHC Inc.'s and Historic Commission's design guidelines		Medium	M

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3.3-A	Explore Zoning Bylaw Amendments and other land use policies and programs that encourage the preservation of the character of Grafton's historic districts.	Encourage the continuation of Grafton's historic patterns of development where they are discernible	Historical Commission	Medium	M
3.1-B	Revise and/or update Open Space and Recreation Plan prior to expiration.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Select Board, Conservation, Recreation	Long (Expires 2028)	M
1.1-A	Continue to support efforts to work with the Blackstone River Watershed Council and other organizations by establishing points of contact, developing working relationships, participating in regional conferences and other activities.	Continue to support regional efforts to improve and maintain the quality of the Blackstone River and its watershed in order to maximize its use	Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	L
2.4-C	Maintain partnerships with key open space protection allies such as OCR, Trust for Public Lands, the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc., Grafton Land Trust and Sudbury Valley Trustees.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Select Board, Conservation	Ongoing	L
3.1-D	Coordinate with the Historic Commission and other relevant organizations to help build awareness of the historical significance of Grafton's historical and cultural places.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Select Board, Conservation	Short	L
3.1-C	Update and maintain Town inventory of scenic lands and special places.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Historical Commission	Medium	L
4.4-A	Continue to support the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor, Inc. and DCR's goals for the Blackstone River and Canal by facilitating the development of park lands and recreational opportunities in their vicinity.	Support Blackstone Bikeway	Conservation, Recreation	Long	L
5.3-A	Evaluate Transfer of Development Rights for possible adoption.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Conservation, Ag Commission	Long	L
5.3-B	Work with Grafton's working farmers and agricultural land owners to encourage the continued preservation of the Town's remaining agricultural resources.	Work with boards, organizations and other entities in the Town of Grafton to coordinate conservation efforts	Economic Development, Conservation, Ag Commission	Long	L
6.3-A	Cooperate with the development of the Worcester to Providence bikeway.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Select Board	Long	L
6.3-B	Work with relevant town and regional organizations to develop a map of existing trails and proposed routes and destinations.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Conservation	Long	L

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	6.3-C	Work with neighboring communities to develop trail, bikeway and other connections between communities.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Conservation	Long	L
	6.4-A	Develop Grafton Trail Loop, Green Belt Master Plan laying out possible easement routes, identifying publicly and privately-owned parcels and developing a strategy for securing easements, funding sources and other logistics	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Recreation, Select Board, Conservation	Long	L
▼ Police						
	6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Recreation, DPW, Planning, Fire, School Department	Ongoing	H
	2.1-D	Develop enforcement protocol for encroachment.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
	4.3-D	Develop plan to ensure all coordinated trails data is made available to emergency services personnel.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Grafton Land Trust, Fire, Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
▼ Recreation						
	4.1-B	Develop a 5-year Capital Improvements plan for all recreation facilities under the Recreation Commission's jurisdiction.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities		Ongoing	H
	6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	DPW, Planning, Fire, Police, School Department	Ongoing	H
	6.4-B	Secure land along Silver Lake shoreline, Quinsigamond River, Blackstone River and Fisherville Mill Pond toward the development of a comprehensive Green Belt.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Grafton Land Trust, Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	4.2-B	Prepare paper and digital resources (including social media) detailing the town's recreation facilities, public open spaces, trail systems, and other resources to publicize Grafton's special places to new residents and visitors.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/historic resources	Select Board, Conservation	Short	H
	5.2-B	Develop and promote programs for all age groups and user groups within the population.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Conservation	Ongoing	M

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5.4-A	Work to establish a committee to review Town-owned land for updated uses related to open space and recreation needs. Committee would specifically focus on lands emerging out of Chapter Lands programs.	Establish an Open Space and Recreation Site Committee to review Town-owned land and prioritize parcels that could be used for conservation and recreation purposes	Assessors, Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Short	M
4.1-C	Develop a multi-year funding plan to finance better management of conservation and recreation lands.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Select Board, Conservation	Medium	M
4.3-C	Increase recreation opportunities for a variety of user groups and special populations including teenagers and handicapped persons.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Conservation	Medium	M
5.2-C	Develop a map or other tool that identifies and prioritizes areas underserved by recreation facilities and other gaps.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents		Medium	M
3.1-B	Revise and/or update Open Space and Recreation Plan prior to expiration.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Select Board, Planning, Conservation	Long (Expires 2028)	M
4.5-A	Develop management plans and strategic goals for Grafton's conservation lands and active recreational facilities.	Plan for year-round, active and passive recreational use of public space	Conservation	Long	M
4.4-A	Continue to support the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor, Inc. and DCR's goals for the Blackstone River and Canal by facilitating the development of park lands and recreational opportunities in their vicinity.	Support Blackstone Bikeway	Conservation, Planning	Long	L
5.2-D	Create a Grafton Trail Loop and Layout preferred location and begin securing trail easements with affected property owners.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Trails Committee, Conservation	Long	L
6.2-E	Explore opportunities for development of a Town Trolley or other circulator to connect popular cultural and open space destinations.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Historical Commission, Economic Development, Select Board	Long	L
6.4-A	Develop Grafton Trail Loop, Green Belt Master Plan laying out possible easement routes, identifying publicly and privately-owned parcels and developing a strategy for securing easements, funding sources and other logistics	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Select Board, Conservation, Planning	Long	L
▼ School Department					
6.2-C	Develop Road Safety education program	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Recreation, DPW, Planning, Fire, Police	Ongoing	H

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▼ Select Board						
	1.2-A	Prioritize land acquisitions to protect drinking water supply and surface water resources.	Manage, protect and improve public access to water resources vital for the sustainability of the community	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	5.1-A	Develop priority list of parcels for immediate and future acquisition of land to expand and connect existing resources, based on risk, proximity to existing resources and other factors.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Grafton Land Trust, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	6.2-B	Develop and maintain up-to-date inventory of sidewalks, including current condition, to promote timely repair and improvement of sidewalk network.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	DPW	Ongoing	H
	6.2-D	Prioritize land acquisitions to purchase parcels that increase connectivity.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Grafton Land Trust, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	6.4-B	Secure land along Silver Lake shoreline, Quinsigamond River, Blackstone River and Fisherville Mill Pond toward the development of a comprehensive Green Belt.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Grafton Land Trust, Recreation, Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	H
	1.5-A	Ensure there is a water quality plan in place for all of town water bodies that is actively maintained and implemented.	Take measures to improve the quality of Grafton's surface waters	Conservation	Short	H
	4.2-B	Prepare paper and digital resources (including social media) detailing the town's recreation facilities, public open spaces, trail systems, and other resources to publicize Grafton's special places to new residents and visitors.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/ historic resources	Recreation, Conservation	Short	H
	3.1-A	Work with Town officials to update the Town of Grafton master plan.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Planning	Medium	H
	5.1-C	Annually Evaluate existing tax title properties and where appropriate, seek to place under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Planning, Assessors, Conservation	Ongoing	M
	6.4-D	Pursue policies to encourage private developers grant easements as part of any new developments along Green Belt route.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	M
	5.4-A	Work to establish a committee to review Town-owned land for updated uses related to open space and recreation needs. Committee would specifically focus on lands emerging out of Chapter Lands programs.	Establish an Open Space and Recreation Site Committee to review Town-owned land and prioritize parcels that could be used for conservation and recreation purposes	Assessors, Planning, Recreation, Conservation	Short	M

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2.1-B	Provide information to landowners regarding available mechanisms to permanently protect open space parcels.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Planning, Conservation, Assessors	Medium	M
2.1-D	Develop enforcement protocol for encroachment.	Permanently protect those Town owned open space resources necessary for provision of recreation opportunities and/or preservation of natural/visual/cultural/historic resources	Police, Conservation	Medium	M
2.3-B	Develop programs to support the vital role Grafton's farmers play in the local economy.	Protect Grafton's farms	Planning, Economic Development	Medium	M
4.1-C	Develop a multi-year funding plan to finance better management of conservation and recreation lands.	Improve the maintenance of Grafton's active and passive recreation areas and facilities	Recreation, Conservation	Medium	M
4.3-A	Increase available parking space and improve condition of parking at conservation properties.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	DPW, Conservation	Medium	M
4.3-D	Develop plan to ensure all coordinated trails data is made available to emergency services personnel.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Grafton Land Trust, Fire, Police, Conservation	Medium	M
3.1-B	Revise and/or update Open Space and Recreation Plan prior to expiration.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Planning, Conservation, Recreation	Long (Expires 2028)	M
1.1-A	Continue to support efforts to work with the Blackstone River Watershed Council and other organizations by establishing points of contact, developing working relationships, participating in regional conferences and other activities.	Continue to support regional efforts to improve and maintain the quality of the Blackstone River and its watershed in order to maximize its use	Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	L
2.4-C	Maintain partnerships with key open space protection allies such as OCR, Trust for Public Lands, the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc., Grafton Land Trust and Sudbury Valley Trustees.	Protect land resources vital for the community	Planning, Conservation	Ongoing	L
4.6-A	Coordinate with DCR with stocking at Cronin and Miscoe Brooks.	Improve fishing, hunting, and trapping opportunities	Conservation	Ongoing	L
3.1-D	Coordinate with the Historic Commission and other relevant organizations to help build awareness of the historical significance of Grafton's historical and cultural places.	Encourage a holistic approach to protecting and preserving Grafton's historic, cultural, scenic landscape resources and other "special places"	Conservation, Planning	Short	L
2.3-A	Work closely with the agricultural commission to explore and develop mechanisms for the protection and maintenance of working farms in Grafton.	Protect Grafton's farms	Grafton Land Trust, Assessors, Conservation	Long	L

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6.1-A	Explore options for use of Grafton-Upton Railroad ROW from Snow Road intersection in the North to the Upton border in the South for a multi-use trail. The section South of the Town Common will be a key component of a walking path from the Common to Silver Lake. Explore other options for town-wide trails as well.	Improve and expand the system of Town-wide trails to provide a variety of recreational opportunities, such as hiking, jogging, skiing, biking, and horseback riding	Conservation	Long	L
6.2-E	Explore opportunities for development of a Town Trolley or other circulator to connect popular cultural and open space destinations.	Improve public access to and connectivity between Grafton's active and passive recreation areas, facilities, conservation lands and points of interest	Historical Commission, Economic Development, Recreation	Long	L
6.3-A	Cooperate with the development of the Worcester to Providence bikeway.	Work with neighboring communities to create inter-municipal connections	Planning	Long	L
6.4-A	Develop Grafton Trail Loop, Green Belt Master Plan laying out possible easement routes, identifying publicly and privately-owned parcels and developing a strategy for securing easements, funding sources and other logistics	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Recreation, Conservation, Planning	Long	L
▼ Sewer					
1.3-D	Inspect sewer system and identify contingency plans for spills and leaks.	Secure additional protection for groundwater resources	DPW	Ongoing	M
▼ Trails Committee					
4.2-A	Improve signage and other wayfinding, identifying the location/access points for all conservation lands that are open to the public.	Provide citizens and visitors with information regarding Grafton's recreation/conservation/ cultural/ historic resources	Conservation	Short	H
4.3-B	Inventory and map all open space trails identifying their current condition, maintenance needed.	Improve access for all age and user groups within the population	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Medium	M
5.2-A	Identify gaps in trail network that might be filled with new land acquisitions.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Medium	M
6.4-C	Pursue development of trails along parcels along lands already owned by the Town, Land Trust or other public agency.	Secure Green Belt along waterbodies in Grafton	Grafton Land Trust, Conservation	Medium	M
5.1-B	Develop an outreach program when planning the town-wide trails to secure cooperation of affected landowners.	Identify and target new priority land acquisitions that will connect to existing town recreation and conservation resources.	Conservation	Long	L
5.2-D	Create a Grafton Trail Loop and Layout preferred location and begin securing trail easements with affected property owners.	Expand facilities and opportunities into underserved areas to ensure equitable access for all residents	Recreation, Conservation	Long	L