

Natural Resources & Open Space Advisory

Mission Statement: The central mission of the Natural Resources & Open Space Advisory is to protect, preserve and enhance the natural resources and environmental quality of the Town of Hamden. It is the commission's desire to represent the will of the people of Hamden in preserving all appropriate open space with its inherent natural resources for ourselves, our children and our children's children. It is our job to defend the defenseless, those things around us that grow and have fur and feathers and cannot speak for themselves.

Accomplishments: To that end, we have acquired and are acquiring, additional properties in the North end of town to be added to Brooksvale Park. We have participated in the acquisition of 184 acres of the Kelley property, which is full of wetlands, and other habitats of varied types as open space. We have, in total, fostered the acquisition and conservation easement on several hundred acres of open space. We participated in the approval of the Hamden Dog Park. We held public hearings on the new Middle School at Meadowbrook. We pushed hard for Johnson's Pond acquisition and are pushing hard for 5 Lakes Park at the South end of town where open space is needed.

Goals for the Future: We are and will remain ever vigilant of development in highly environmentally sensitive areas. We also advocate a range of environmental priorities such as green building, energy conservation issues, water management and context sensitive design.