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	A.2. Ensure that any proposed development is consistent with the Open Space Plan and the Master Plan	A.2.i. Continue information sharing with other City groups: Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Design Review Board.	Planning Staff	Ongoing	NA
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	A.3. Integrate open space planning into the city's planning and budgeting process.	A.3.i. Identify specific parcels, from list of priority parcels, for acquisition or protection. Identify potential funding sources, including CPA funds.	OSRC	Review Yearly	NA
		A.3.ii. Work with city grant-writing staff to identify potential funding sources for open space acquisition, protection, and improvement.	OSRC, Planning Staff	Year 1	NA
	A.4. Ensure that all City-owned properties with high passive recreational value, potential future active recreational value and environmental value are protected from development.	A.4.i. Develop and maintain a list of city-owned parcels of conservation interest. Identify priority parcels for protection.	OSRC, Parks Dept.	Ongoing	NA
		A.4.ii. Work with the mayor, city councilors, Parks and Recreation Commission, and city solicitor to develop CRs for ConCom land and other city lands of conservation interest as appropriate.	OSRC, Con Com, Parks Dept.	Yearly	NA
	A.5. Ensure adequate resources for stewardship, maintenance, and management of Beverly's open space and recreational lands.	A.5.i. Periodically survey trails and signage at city parks to identify maintenance needs. Seek assistance from biking groups, ward-based civic associations, scout troops, and other civic organizations.–Assist in establishing "Friends" groups to assist with stewardship of the city's open spaces and trail networks. These stewardship groups would perform routine trail maintenance, including trash pick-up, trail marking and trail clearing.	OSRC, Planning Staff, DPW	Review yearly in Spring	NA
		A.5.ii. Review and update maps of open spaces and trails, recreational areas and historic sites. Add data on signage (type, location, date installed, condition) to GIS database.	OSRC, Planning Staff, GIS Manager, Interns	Year 2 and Start of Year 7	NA
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		B.1.ii. Identify, improve and mark points of access for hand-carried watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards.	OSRC, Planning Dept., HMA, DPS, Eagle Scout/Boy Scout Troops	Year 1, Ongoing	CPA
		B.1.iii. Continue to work with local and state officials to implement a "Sea Path" and provide comments on development and redevelopment proposals for parcels that provide potential public access to the water (e.g. through Chapter 91 licenses).	OSRC, Planning Staff, City Boards, State Agencies	Ongoing	NA

B.2. Create a trail network throughout the City.	B.2.i. Work with appropriate stakeholders to purchase the land and easements identified on the maps to create a comprehensive open space network.	OSRC, School Dept., Non-Profits	Ongoing	PARC Grant, CPA
	B.2.ii. Develop a cohesive trail system for existing and proposed open space areas within the community.	OSRC, Planning Staff, GIS Manager	Year 2	CPA
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B.3. Increase the number of playing fields within the community.	B.3.i. Identify and develop a list of parcels that would be appropriate for active recreation.	OSRC, Parks & Rec Dept.	Review yearly	NA
	B.3.ii. Identify and seek funds to acquire parcels to be used specifically for active recreation.	OSRC, Parks & Rec Dept.	Ongoing	PARC Grant, CPA
B.4. Increase awareness and promote use of open space for a variety of recreational opportunities within the community.	B.4.i. Develop public education materials and events, which will promote the importance of preserving parcels for conservation and resource protection.	OSRC	Year 3	NA
	B.4.ii. Support efforts of the Planning Dept. and Beverly Bicycle Committee to implement the City's Complete Streets policy in order to establish clearly designated walking and bicycle trails on streets providing linkages between open space parcels.	Planning Dept., Bike Committee, OSRC, DPS	Year 1 and ongoing	NA
	B.4.iii. Sponsor activities and educational programs for clean-up and recycling on public lands.	OSRC, Solid Waste Committee, School Dept.	Review yearly	NA
	B.4.iv. Conduct regularly scheduled trail walks.	OSRC	Ongoing	NA
B.5. Increase awareness and promote use of conservation areas and the waterfront for passive recreation, i.e. hiking, walking, birding, nature study, etc.	B.5.i. Create an educational flyer on trail and waterfront access protection for the community.	OSRC	Year 3	NA
	B.5.ii. Develop water related recreational amenities on public land.	OSRC, Parks Dept., DPS	Year 4	CPA
	B.5.iii. Improve maintenance of existing open space areas to ensure public safety.	Planning Staff, DPS	Review yearly in Spring	NA

	B.6. Create accessible trails and recreational opportunities that comply with ADA requirements.	B.6.i. Coordinate with ADA Coordinator and City's Disabilities Commission on requirements for trail accessibility.	OSRC, ADA Coordinator and Disabilities Commission	Ongoing	NA
		B.6.ii. Visit established trails in the City to determine whether any may be adapted/modified to meet ADA requirements.	OSRC	Ongoing	NA
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		C.1.ii. Identify funding sources and seek funding for acquisition or protection.	OSRC	Year 2, Review Yearly	NA
		C.1.iii. Identify linkages providing safe, clearly designated paths for walking or biking between urbanized areas and waterfront areas.	OSRC	Year 2, Review Yearly	NA
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D. Create regional trail network	D.1. Work with local, regional, and state officials and land-holding organizations in developing plans for a regional trail network	D.1.i. Identify and seek funds to acquire easements and properties to create trail networks linking Beverly with surrounding communities of Manchester, Wenham, Danvers, Salem	OSRC, Planning Dept., Bike Committee, MAPC, and PD	Ongoing	CPA, PARC Grant
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**Work with City to make sure applications of pesticides within watershed areas is prohibited.
Follow-up on infractions**

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