

VI. Community Vision

A. Process: How the Goals Were Determined

The goals of the *1997 Open Space Plan* were derived from meetings with Town boards and departments and from the results of the *1995 Long Range Planning Survey*. The Open Space and Recreation committee met with the Town boards and departments at the halfway mark and at the end of five years to review how each group managed their objectives and five year action plans. As noted earlier, most groups, with few exceptions, completed their goals. Other groups continue to move forward to accomplish their goals, however, due to the complexity of their objectives, they need more time.

The goals for the *2002 Open Space Plan* remain the same, but in a different order. This does not imply a weighting of importance, it is meant to reflect the tenor of the community's desires at this time. The decision to keep these same goals is based on personal interviews with Town boards, committees, and departments and from responses to letters inviting input from these groups. The goals are in keeping with *The 1999 Comprehensive Plan*. In addition, voters at Town Meeting have been very receptive to land acquisition for aquifer protection and open space, and in 2001 adopted the Community Preservation Act.

B. Statement of Goals

Input from the above sources, following further analysis and discussion, was developed into these acquisition, protection, and management goals:

Protection of the Town's drinking water supply.

2. Preservation of the unique character of Duxbury.
3. Protection and enhancement of Duxbury's natural resources and ecosystems.
4. Improvement of Town recreational opportunities with minimum impact to the environment.