

City of Beacon Open Space Inventory Public Survey Results Report

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Project Overview & Goals

As the City of Beacon looks to build off of momentum from their recently completed and adopted natural resources inventory (NRI; 2020), the next logical step in the conservation planning process was to inventory and prioritize open and green space within the city. With funding from the NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP) and with technical assistance from Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC), the Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) began the first stage of developing their open space inventory, or OSI.

This first stage involved the development of a survey to be distributed to the public with the main goal of soliciting and receiving community input to help guide efforts in protecting green and open spaces in the city. The survey also aimed to reach a diverse audience that reflects Beacon's cultural & ethnic diversity to promote and enhance the quality of life for all. The findings of this survey, as laid out in this report, will hopefully be used to help guide the CAC and other Beacon decision-makers in the development of a complete open space inventory and/or open space plan.

Methods

The process of developing the survey began in early 2021, with a kick-off meeting between HREP, CCEDC and the Beacon CAC in March. This team agreed it would be useful to have two components to the survey: 1) a traditional "written" survey including multiple choice and open-ended short answer questions; and 2) a "map" style survey that allowed respondents to place points on a web-based map and leave feedback highlighting current and future open/green space priorities.

The CAC took the lead on drafting questions that they thought were important to include in the survey, which were eventually shared widely with other stakeholders. Through an iterative process of receiving feedback and whittling down these questions, the Committee settled on 19 questions to include in the survey, plus three optional demographic questions (complete list of survey questions can be found in Appendix A, page 11). The survey was built out using Google Forms, which allowed for a simple and cost-free option for distributing the questions and information digitally.

The map component of the survey was constructed by CCEDC using the ArcGIS Online platform (specifically the GeoForm Builder application). This application was chosen due its ability to collect

geospatial data in the form of points/digital pins dropped on a map as well as quantitative/qualitative data associated with each of those points. Attributes (informational fields) that were available to respondents included: name (or description) of the selected feature; choice of whether the feature currently existed or whether it was an idea for a future potential piece of open/green space; choice of open/green space category (e.g. park, garden, trail, conservation area, etc); priority/level of interest (high, medium, low); and an optional “Comment” field. As respondents filled out the map (multiple entries allowed and encouraged), their points and data were added to the map in real time, allowing other respondents to see what others had submitted. The data was catalogued via ArcGIS Online for summation and analysis at the end of the survey period.

The survey period opened on June 11, 2021. The Beacon CAC was responsible for the advertising, marketing, and distribution of the survey to the community, which occurred prior to and during the survey period. The survey concluded on November 1, 2021 (survey period = 158 days).

Results

Written Survey

Responses: 298

❖ Demographics

The vast majority (91.3%) of survey respondents were full-time residents of Beacon. 2.3% of respondents were part-time or temporary residents and 6.4% did not live in Beacon (Table 1).

There was a fairly even distribution of responses from each of Beacon’s four wards (25.5% Fourth Ward, 22.8% Third Ward, 22.1% Second Ward, 20.5% First Ward; 9.1% unknown/non-resident) (Table 2).

The majority of respondents (69.4%) have lived in Beacon for over 3 years, with 24.5% having lived in Beacon for fewer than 3 years (Table 3).

When asked what form of communication they typically rely on for news, the greatest number of respondents identified ‘Social Media/the Internet’. A large number also reported ‘Word of Mouth’ as an important mode of communication (Figure 1). Also worth noting, a good number of respondents identified The Highlands Current and the “A Little Beacon” blog as useful sources of information.

Table 1. Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage (%)
White	78.8
Prefer not to answer	12.2
Asian	5.6
Hispanic/LatinX	5.2
Other	2.2
Black/African American/Black Caribbean	2.1
Middle Eastern/North African	0.7

Table 2. Gender identity

Gender	Percentage (%)
Female	58.1
Male	28.7
Prefer not to answer	9.7
Genderqueer/Non-binary	4.2
Transgender	0.7
Agender	0.3

Table 3. Age

Age Group	Percentage (%)
40-49	34.8
30-39	25.9
50-59	14.3
60-69	13.3
70-79	6.1
20-29	4.1
80 or older	1.0
19 or younger	0.3

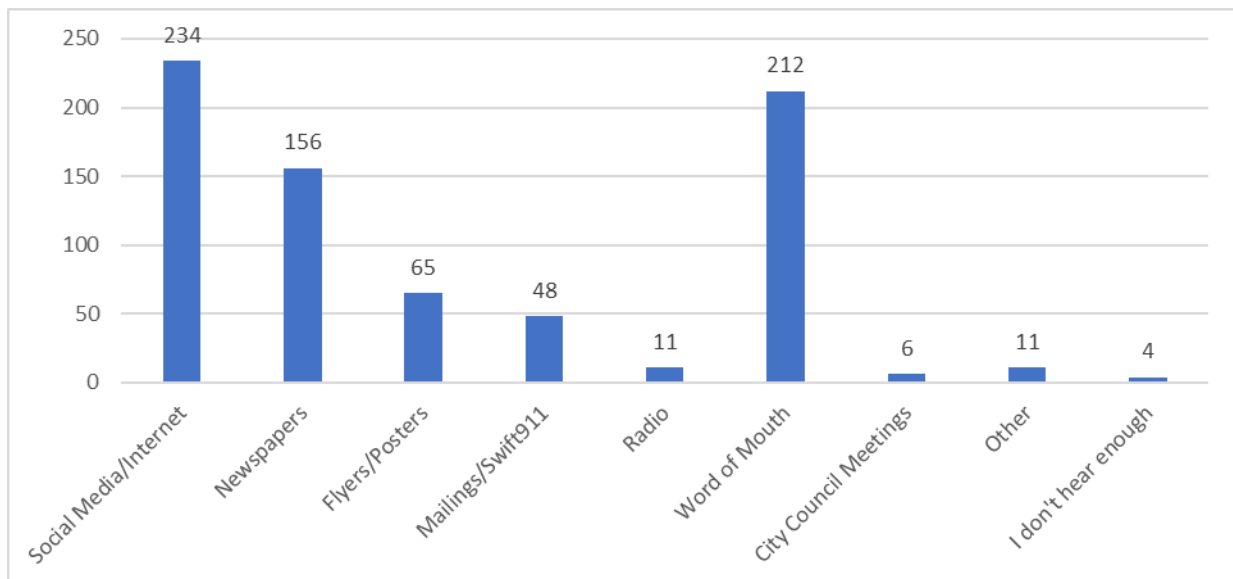


Figure 1. How survey respondents typically get their news (multiple choices were permitted).

❖ Current Overall Open & Green Space Importance

The first survey question asked why open or green space was important to the respondent. The format of this question provided respondents with seven options/categories and allowed them to choose *any* of these options in their response. Therefore, the percentages total to >100%. For the choice 'Other', respondents were given the ability to write in a response of their own (Appendix B). The protection of natural beauty and scenic views was by far the most important concept, with over 97% of respondents identifying this. Areas for exercise and wildlife habitat were also important (Table 4).

Table 4. Percentage of respondents who noted each open/green space concept as important.

Open/Green space Concept	Percentage (%) responded
Natural beauty and scenic views	97.3
Exercise or physical/mental health	89.9
Wildlife habitat	88.9
Recreation	78.2
Clean water	74.8
Community gathering spaces	73.5
Other (Appendix B)	10.8

❖ Open & Green Space Importance by Category

The next set of survey questions asked respondents to rank the importance of the following eight open/green space categories on a scale of: 'Very Important', 'Important', 'Somewhat Important', 'Not Important', or 'No Opinion':

- a) Parks
- b) Playgrounds and/or athletic fields
- c) Walking & biking paths
- d) Waterfront areas (including streams, waterbodies, and wetlands)
- e) Aquifers/reservoirs (i.e., drinking water resources)
- f) Historic & cultural sites
- g) Small parks & street trees along Main Street
- h) Urban agriculture/community gardens

Over 50% of respondents responded 'Very Important' when asked about water resources, parks, drinking water, walking/biking paths, and parks & street trees on Main Street. Less than 50% of respondents responded the same way when asked about playgrounds/athletic fields, urban agriculture/community gardens, and historic & cultural sites (Figure 2).

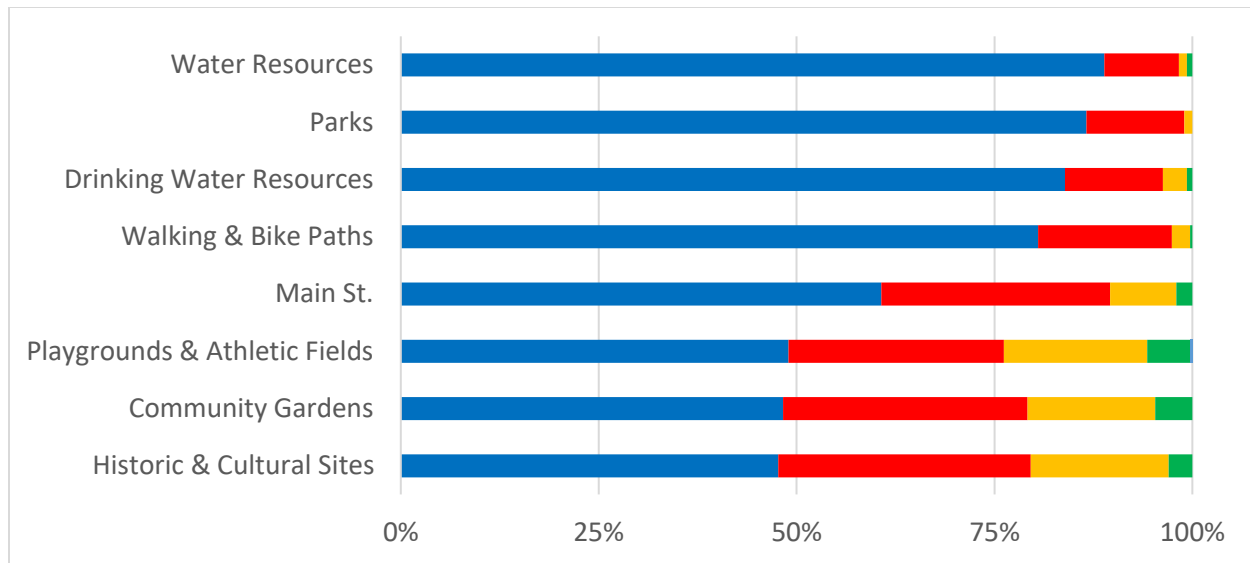


Figure 2. Relative importance of eight open/green space categories within the City of Beacon. Blue = 'Very Important', red = 'Important', yellow = 'Somewhat Important', green = 'Not Important', purple (when reported) = 'No Opinion'.

In order to rank these eight categories by overall relative importance, scores were assigned to each important category: 'Very Important' = 4, 'Important' = 3, 'Somewhat Important' = 2, 'Not Important' = 1, and 'No Opinion' = 0. An average score of 0-4 was calculated for each open/green space category and the categories were ranked by overall relative importance using these averages. Water resources (e.g., the Hudson River, Fishkill Creek, local wetlands, etc.) and access to them was ranked as the most important open/green space category, with an average score of 3.865 (Table 5).

Table 5. Ranking of open/green space categories by average importance score (4 = very important, 1 = not important, 0 = no opinion).

Ranking	Open/Green Space Category	Average Score
1	Water Resources/Access	3.865
2	Parks	3.856
3	Drinking Water Resources	3.795
4	Walking & Biking Paths	3.776
5	Main Street Parks & Trees	3.483
6	Historic & Cultural Sites	3.243
7	Urban Agriculture/ Community Gardens	3.228
8	Playgrounds & Athletic Fields	3.192

❖ Other Important Categories of Open Space

In addition to these eight open space categories, respondents had the ability to write in under ‘Other’ to highlight areas they felt that were very important to them but weren’t captured within the aforementioned categories. These responses were collated into 28 sub-categories (Table 6).

Table 6. “Other” important categories of open/green space

Other Category	Count
Wildlife Habitat	11
General Open Space	6
Hiking	6
Parks	6
Pollinator Pathways	5
Vistas	5
Areas for Families and Youth	4
Climate Resilience	4
Greenways	4
Streams & Wetlands	4
Agriculture	3
Areas for Art	3
Bike Paths/Lanes	3
Community Gathering Spaces	3
Rail Trail	3
Zoning & Development Limitation	3
Areas of Peace & Quiet	2
Dog Parks	2
Historic Sites	2
Main Street	2
Street Trees	2
Wooded Areas and Shade	2
Gardens	2
Areas Demonstrating Native Culture	1
Farmers Markets	1
Fishing	1
Low Income Communities	1
Safe Places for Women	1

❖ Respondent Recreation & Outdoor Use Preferences

The next question in the survey was an open-ended question asking respondents to share where, how, and how often they enjoy open & green spaces in the City of Beacon. The full, detailed list of responses can be found in Appendix C. Below is generalized summary of the results of this question.

Preferred Locations

Mount Beacon and the Hudson Highlands trails, the waterfront/riverfront (including Long Dock Park and Pete & Toshi Riverfront Park), Dennings Point, Memorial Park, Hiddenbrooke, Madam Brett Park, Pocket Road, respondents' individual roads or neighborhoods, Fishkill Creek Greenway, Newburgh-Beacon Bridge pedestrian path, the Hudson River (for boating/swimming), local playgrounds, etc.

Preferred Activities

Walking, biking, hiking, jogging, sight-seeing, birdwatching, utilizing playground for children, photography, dog-walking, kayaking/canoeing/boating, swimming, sports, meditation, peace & quiet, viewing the river, etc.

Most respondents noted that they use these outdoor spaces at least once a week if not several times a week or even daily.

❖ Priority for New Open or Green Space

The next survey question asked respondents to identify their top (#1) priority for new open or green space in the City of Beacon. The format of this question was single choice, thus the percentages = 100%.

Also to note, the map component of the survey provided an additional opportunity for respondents to highlight specific locations within the city that they thought would be well-suited for new open or green space. These locations and information will be discussed more in-depth in the results section for that component.

The top priority for new and open space within the City of Beacon was increased conservation of natural areas. Adding more (and improving existing) trails and walking/biking paths was also a priority (Table 7).

Table 7. Ranking of top priorities for future open/green space

Ranking	Top priority for new open/green space	Percentage (%)
1	Increase conservation of natural areas	39.3
2	More/improved walking & biking trails/paths	30.5
3	Updating & maintaining existing open space	14.1
4	Improved river access	4.7
5	Improved/increased water protection	4.7
6	Other (Appendix D)	4.3
7	Creation of new parks	1.7
8	More athletic areas & playgrounds	0.7

❖ Barriers to Accessing or Utilizing Open or Green Space

A critical component of this survey was to better understand what barriers the local community faces in accessing or utilizing open & green space within the City of Beacon. The format of this question allowed respondents to choose multiple answers from a list of eight options (including the option 'No barriers').

46% of respondents replied that there were no barriers. Of those that did identify a barrier, the largest percentage of respondents identified 'lack of leisure time' as the greatest barrier to their use of open/green space (Table 8). 12% of respondents chose 'Other' and wrote in a unique barrier (Appendix E).

Table 8. List of barriers identified by percentage of responses.

Potential Barrier	Percentage (%) responded
No barriers	46.0
Lack of leisure time	27.9
Difficult to access	8.4
Safety concerns	8.1
Distance to open space	6.0
Don't know where they are	3.7
Don't feel welcome in them	3.4
Other (Appendix E)	12.0

❖ Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access

When asked what actions could be taken to make the City of Beacon's open and green spaces more inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible, there was a very wide range of answers (see Appendix F for the full list). The top ten recommendations could be generalized as such:

- 1) More walking & biking trails (including bike lanes)
- 2) Increased & improved parking
- 3) Increased public transportation routes to open space
- 4) Improved bathrooms in public areas
- 5) Increased signage & maps (i.e. wayfinding)
- 6) More community events & cultural awareness
- 7) Improved ADA compliance/accessibility
- 8) More parks on Main Street
- 9) Increased advertising & notification to residents
- 10) Improved sidewalks

❖ Other Questions, Concerns, or Ideas

This question provided respondents the opportunity to express any other opinions not captured by a previous survey question. See Appendix G for the full list of other comments.

Map Survey

Responses/Map Points: 115

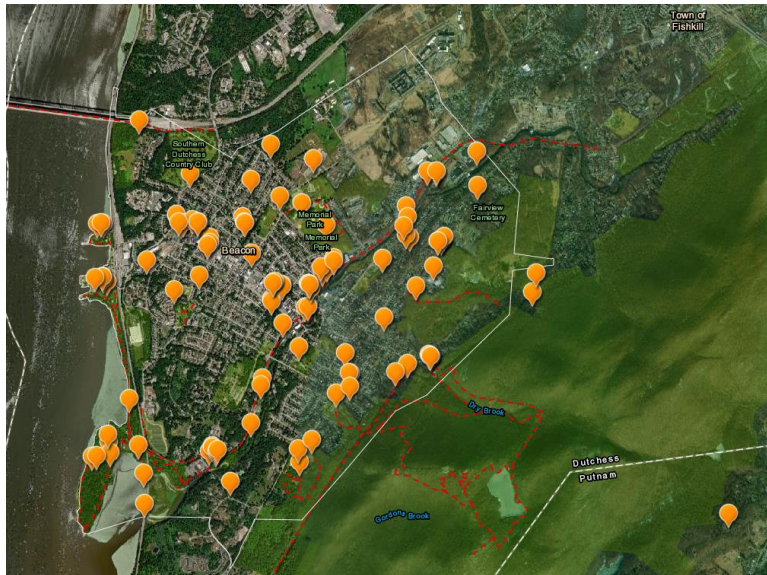


Figure 3. Screenshot of Map Survey Results

❖ Overview

Points were added to the map by respondents in a fairly even distribution over the city (Figure 3). Of the 115 points added to the Map Survey, 72 highlighted existing priority open/green space areas for respondents and 43 highlighted areas for new or potential open/green space within the city.

From the list of *existing* priority open space, 52 were expressed as “high priority” for conservation, and the category with the most entries was “Trails” (Figure 4).

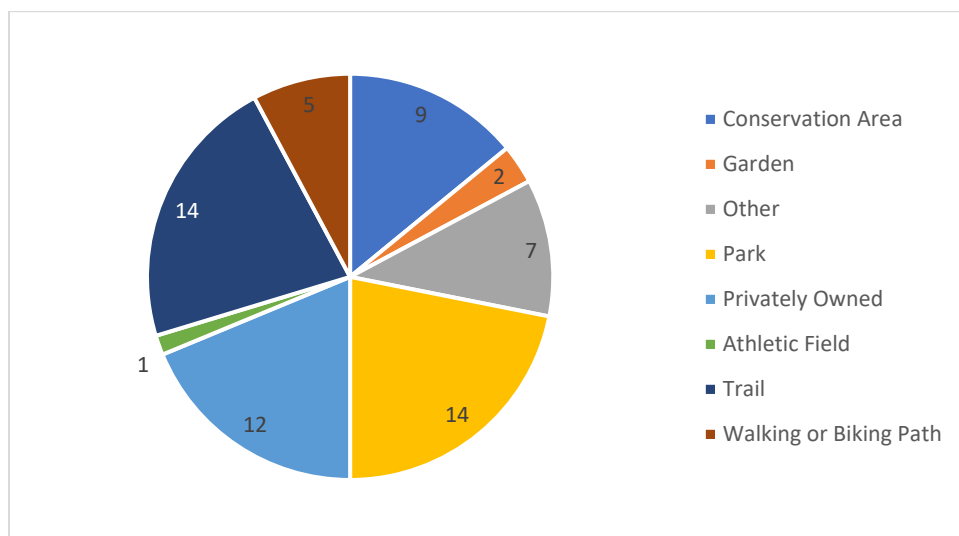


Figure 4. Categories of existing open space identified in Map Survey

From the list of *future/potential* priority open space, 29 were expressed as “high priority” for conservation, and the category with the most entries was “Parks” (Figure 5).

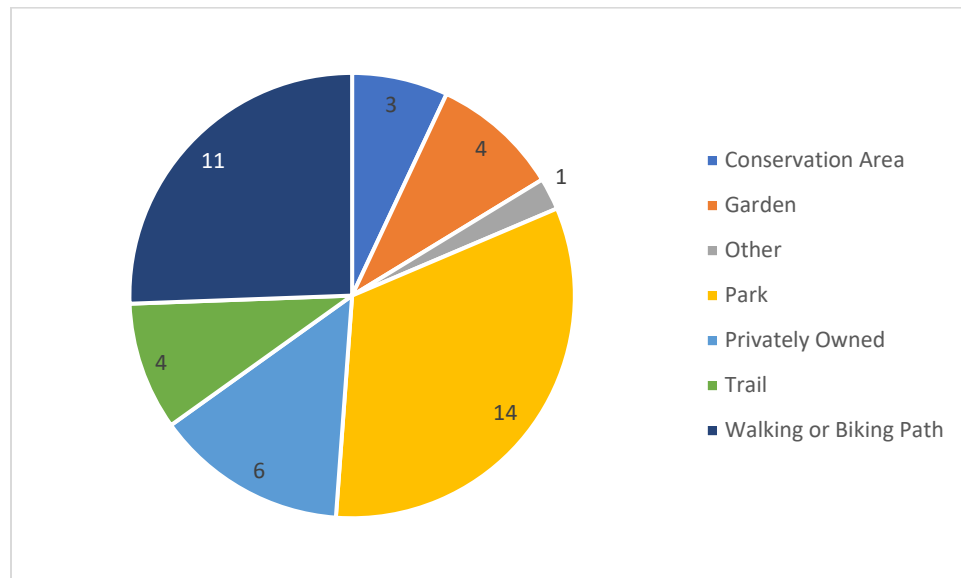


Figure 5. Categories of future/potential open space identified in Map Survey

The complete list of points/entries can be found in Appendices H and I.

Conclusion

Due to the hard work of the Beacon CAC to develop the survey questions and diligent outreach to a wide and diverse Beacon audience, this survey received nearly 300 responses. The responses serve to highlight the wide range of open & green space within the City of Beacon, its critical importance to residents, community members, and visitors alike, and the need for continued conservation and protection of open space within the city.

While the survey identified many of the positives regarding open & green space within the City of Beacon, it also helped to shed light on many aspects of this topic that could be improved upon, including ways to reduce barriers to open space access and to make these places more inclusive, welcoming, and safe for all. It is the hope of this Committee that this document serves as a guiding tool for future decision-making involving land-use planning within the city and that the protection and conservation of open & green space continue to be made a priority for Beacon and its residents.

APPENDICES

Community Survey: Preserving Green and Open Space in Beacon

Greetings! We are the Conservation Advisory Committee for the City of Beacon. We are hosting a community survey to guide efforts to protect green and open spaces in Beacon. We want to hear from you. We value input from all Beaconites to ensure that everyone's voice is part of this conversation. Please complete the following survey, which will help us create a vision for green and open spaces in Beacon that reflects our city's cultural, ethnic, and scenic diversity and enhances the quality of life for all Beaconites.

What is "green and open space?"

Green and open space is land that is not developed for residential, commercial, industrial or institutional use. Green and open space may be publicly or privately-owned, can serve many purposes, and can range in size. Some examples of green and open spaces are parks, playgrounds, ball courts, community gardens, mountains, and forests.

After submitting the survey, please visit the following map form to add any points/priorities as a pin on a publicly accessible and viewable map: <https://arcg.is/1fjybP0>

¡Saludos! Somos el Comité Asesor de Conservación de la Ciudad de Beacon. Llevamos a cabo una encuesta comunitaria para informar los esfuerzos para proteger los espacios verdes y abiertos en Beacon. Queremos saber sus prioridades. Valoramos los comentarios de todos los residentes de Beacon para asegurarnos de que la voz de todos sea parte de esta conversación. Su respuesta a la siguiente encuesta nos ayudará a crear una visión para los espacios verdes y abiertos en Beacon que refleja la diversidad cultural, étnica y escénica de nuestra ciudad y que mejora la calidad de vida de todos los Beaconites.

¿Qué es un "espacio verde y abierto?"

Es un espacio de tierra que no está desarrollado para uso residencial, comercial, industrial o institucional. Los espacios verdes y abiertos pueden ser propiedad pública o privada, pueden tener una variedad de usos y pueden variar en tamaño. Algunos ejemplos de espacios verdes y abiertos son parques, áreas de juego, canchas de pelota, jardines comunitarios, montañas y bosques.

Después de enviar esta encuesta, por favor visite el siguiente vínculo para agregar puntos / prioridades como un marcador en un mapa visible y accesible al público:

<https://arcg.is/1fjybP0>

* Required

1. 1. Beacon Residency (Please select which most applies to you): / Vivir en Beacon: seleccione la que más se aplica a usted: *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Full-time Resident / Vivo en Beacon y ningún otro lugar
- ☐ Part-time Resident / Vivo en Beacon solo parte del tiempo
- ☐ Temporary Resident / Vivo en Beacon, pero es temporal
- ☐ I don't live in Beacon / No vivo en Beacon

2. 2. In which Ward do you currently reside? (See Ward map) / ¿En qué área reside actualmente? (vea el mapa): *



Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Ward/Área 1
- ☐ Ward/Área 2
- ☐ Ward/Área 3
- ☐ Ward/Área 4
- ☐ I don't know / No sé en qué área vivo
- ☐ I don't live in Beacon / No vivo en Beacon

3. 3. How long have you lived in Beacon? / ¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido en Beacon? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 0-3 years/años
- ☐ 3-10 years/años
- ☐ 10 years/años or more/más
- ☐ I don't live in Beacon / No vivo en Beacon

4. 4. Why is green and open space important to you? (Select any that apply) / ¿Por qué son importantes para usted los espacios verdes y abiertos? Por favor seleccione todas las respuestas que correspondan. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Exercise or physical/mental health / Ejercicio o salud física/mental
- ☐ Recreation / Recreación
- ☐ Natural beauty and scenic views / Belleza natural y vistas panorámicas
- ☐ Wildlife habitat / Hábitat de fauna silvestre
- ☐ Clean water / Agua limpia
- ☐ Community gathering spaces / Espacios de reunión comunitaria

Other: ☐ _____

5. How important is it to you that Beacon conserve or create the following types of green and open space? / ¿Qué importancia tiene para usted que Beacon conserve y cree los siguientes tipos de espacios verdes y abiertos?

Please rate the importance for each. / Por favor califique la importancia de cada uno.

5. a) Parks / Parques *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

6. b) Playgrounds and athletic courts or fields (e.g., basketball, tennis, volleyball courts and baseball fields) / Campos de juego y canchas o campos deportivos (por ejemplo, canchas de baloncesto, tenis, voleibol y campos de béisbol) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

7. c) Walking and bike paths / Senderos para caminar y montar en bicicleta *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

8. d) Waterfront areas, including rivers, streams, and wetlands / Áreas con cuerpos de agua, incluidos ríos, arroyos y humedales *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

9. e) Aquifers/reservoirs (e.g. Beacon's water supply) / Acuíferos / reservorios (p.ej. el suministro de agua de Beacon) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

10. f) Historic and cultural sites / Sitios históricos y culturales (e.g. / p.ej. Howland Cultural Center) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

11. g) Small parks and street trees along Main Street / Pequeños parques y árboles en la calle al lado de Main Street *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

12. h) Urban agriculture/community gardens / Agricultura urbana / huertos comunitarios *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Very important / Muy importante
- ☐ Important / Importante
- ☐ Somewhat important / Algo importante
- ☐ Not important / No importante
- ☐ No opinion / No tengo opinión

13. i) Other open space category of importance to you: / Otra categoría de espacio abierto de importancia para usted:

Priorities (continued) / Prioridades (continuación)

14. 6. What is your #1 priority for green/open space conservation or creation? There's an opportunity to locate these priorities in the map section. / ¿Cuál es su prioridad principal para la conservación o creación de espacios verdes y abiertos? Hay una oportunidad para ubicar prioridades en un mapa en el siguiente paso. *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ New parks / Parques nuevos
- ☐ Walking/bike paths & trails / Senderos para caminar/ir en bicicleta
- ☐ More athletic fields, courts, and playgrounds / Más campos deportivos, canchas y patios de recreo
- ☐ Conservation of natural areas / Conservación de espacios naturales
- ☐ Water protection / Protección del agua
- ☐ Riverfront access / Acceso a los ríos
- ☐ Updating/maintaining existing open space / Actualizar/mantener el espacio abierto existente
- ☐ Other: _____

15. 7. When you want to be outside, where do you go? And how often? What do you like to do? / Cuando quiere salir al aire libre, ¿a dónde va usted? ¿Y con qué frecuencia? ¿Qué le gusta hacer? *

16. 8. What are the barriers keeping you from visiting Beacon's parks and open spaces? (Select any that apply) / ¿Qué le impide visitar a los parques y espacios abiertos de Beacon? *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ There is no open space nearby / No hay espacios abiertos cercanos
- ☐ Safety concerns / Preocupación por la seguridad
- ☐ Lack of leisure time / Falta de tiempo libre
- ☐ Hard to access / Difícil de acceder
- ☐ I don't know where they are / No sé dónde se encuentran
- ☐ I don't feel welcome in them / No me siento bienvenido en ellos
- ☐ No barriers / No hay barreras

Other: ☐ _____

17. 9. What might make Beacon's open space more accessible, inclusive, or equitable? / ¿Qué acciones harían que el espacio abierto de Beacon sea más accesible, inclusivo y equitativo? *

18. 10. Please use this space to raise any other questions, concerns, or ideas related to open space in Beacon. / Por favor utiliza este espacio para escribir otras preguntas, inquietudes o ideas relacionadas con el espacio abierto en Beacon.

19. 11. How do you typically learn about local issues? (Select any that apply) / ¿Cómo se enteran de las noticias locales? Por favor seleccione todas las respuestas que correspondan. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Word of mouth / Boca a boca
- ☐ Newspapers / Periódico
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Flyers/posters / Folletos/Carteles
- ☐ Social media/Internet / Redes sociales/la internet
- ☐ Mailings/Swift911 City Alerts / Por correo

Other: ☐ _____

Demographics / Demografía

These questions are optional / Estas preguntas son opcionales

20. 12. With which race/ethnicity do you identify? (Select all that apply) / ¿Con qué raza/etnia se identifica? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Check all that apply.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native / Indígena o Nativo de Alaska
- ☐ Asian / Asiático
- ☐ Black, African American, or Black Caribbean / Negro, Africano Americano, o Negro del Caribe
- ☐ Hispanic or Latinx / Hispano/a o Latino/a
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African / Medio Oriente o África del Norte
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander / Nativo hawaiano o isleño del Pacífico
- ☐ White / Blanco
- ☐ Prefer not to answer / Prefiero no responder

Other: ☐ _____

21. 13. How do you currently describe your gender identity? (Select all that apply) /
¿Cómo describe su identidad de género? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Agender / Sin género
☐ Female / Mujer
☐ Genderqueer or non-binary
☐ Male / Hombre
☐ Transgender / Transgénero
☐ Prefer not to answer / Prefiero no responder

Other: ☐ _____

22. 14. What is your age? / ¿Cuántos años tiene usted?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 19 or younger / o menos
☐ 20-29
☐ 30-39
☐ 40-49
☐ 50-59
☐ 60-69
☐ 70-79
☐ 80 or older / o más

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Appendix B. Responses for 'Other' under Question 4: "Why is green and open space important to you?"

- Climate change
- Protecting our soil
- We can't allow ourselves to build out every square inch of space. Having open space is crucial to a feeling of well being. Without open space all you can feel is crowded and enclosed.
- Community resilience to extreme weather
- Offering varied forms of community entertainment that don't rely on retail or commerce
- Clean air, healthy soil
- Restoring green spaces (specially with native habitats and variety of species) helps the reduction of carbon dioxide in the air. Promotes clean air and reduces climate change.
- We need it to live and survive climate collapse
- Spiritual
- Increases the value of nearby homes and businesses
- We should all be able to enjoy the land we live on. Not every inch needs to be occupied and owned.
- Overall quality of life
- Teaching children to appreciate nature
- It keeps Beacon looking like the old Beacon, not NYC influence.
- To see the sky; to breath clean(er) air
- limits development
- Mainly as habitat for declining bird species etc. and relation to human well-being.
- Climate change ecology. Micro and macro biomes
- Nature conservation
- Education
- Car free connectivity
- We are over developed as it is -and we have limited parking.
- Need space so I don't feel i am living in a mini NYC
- Carbon sinks, biodiversity
- Carbon sink
- Climate
- Climate regulation: <https://www.climatechange.org/news/2017/2/21/more-carbon-storage-importance-forests-climate-change/>
- Sequestering Carbon – the more open space the better
- All of the above
- Areas away from motor vehicle traffic, noise, and pollution.
- As a way to limit development
- Preservation of open spaces
- It sustains the web of life.
- as a resident of a neighboring town, I visit Beacon's open spaces a lot.
- Green and open spaces keep Beacon from becoming dense pack community.
- understanding/connecting with the landscape around us

Appendix C. Responses to Question 7: "When you want to be outside, where do you go? And how often? What do you like to do?"

- n/a
- Mt Beacon, Long Dock, and Memorial Park. 2 - 3 times /week. Walking, bird watching.
- Parks, walks at hiddenbrooke or through neighborhoods. Shade is important.
- places: Denning's Point, Long Dock, Seeger Park, Mt. Beacon, Madam Brett Park, Main Street, Memorial Park; activities: bicycle-riding, walking, picnicking; we do some combination of these things at least 2-3 times per week
- Mt Beacon, Hudson waterfront, Rocky Glenn, Madam Brett, Dennings Point. Several times week. Walking, fishing, jogging, biking, hiking.
- MMe Brett or the Dennings Point
- Riverfront & mountain 3-5 days wk
- Hiddenbrooke weekly, it is Beacon's hidden gem where out of towners dont bother going. So dont tell them!
- I go daily to the hiking trails accessible by pocket road, and the woods beside the Carmelite Nunnery.
- Main Street
- Frequent walks and hikes. Riverfront, mt beacon, hiddenbrooke.
- Long Dock park, Memorial Park - weekly, exercise and enjoying nature/the views
- I enjoy walking around in neighborhoods around my house, for exercise and because many of the houses are older and nice to look at. Further development of existing green spaces would a disappointment. Existing small parks should reviewed for safety and perhaps given additional practical fixtures, like more picnic tables and shaded pavilions, working/clean bathrooms and trash receptacles.
- Dennings Point, Madam Brett Park, Pocket Road, The St Lawrence Friary, Mount Beacon, Long Dock, Little Stony Point, Hiddenbrooke, River Front Park. Every day, sometimes multiple times a day.
- My yaed
- I either take my kids to memorial park, bowdoin park, or a trail in fahnestock. We do one of these activities every day
- "Along Tironda to madam Brett,
- "
- Our backyard, the waterfront
- Hiddenbrooke Trail; neighborhood walks 3x/week
- Denning Point
- Riverfront or Hiddenbrooke
- Hiking the various trails and taking my child to the playgrounds and parks
- We walk to memorial park frequently, we walk long dock trails regularly to madam Brett Park. These are important to us. The triangle of land in front of st John's church is a good example of open space. It should continue to be maintained
- Mount Beacon monthly via Pocket Road, Mt. Beacon Trail and Monument Road ; Fishkill Ridge every few months, Bike around all of Beacon monthly via: Madam Brett, Long dock, Main Street, Hidden Brook every other month, Pete and Toshi park for Sloop Club events and Recreation

events/concerts; Daily run through my neighborhood; Walk and bike to school and to school playground on the weekends, River Pool once a year, and finally, as often as possible to the Settlement Housing camp for films, theatre, swimming, hiking, running, swinging (when the tree was alive).

- Hudson highlands park, hidden brook, long dock and dennings point, greenway trail
- To the riverfront
- Hiddenbrooke
- Walking at long dock park or take my child to a playground. (at least once or twice a weekend)
- Down to both riverfront parks, watch sunset, walk, picnic lunch
- Denning's Point or just walking around different Beacon neighborhoods.
- Hikes
- Walk along streets with scenic views and healthy trees
- When I want to be outside I often go outside. I walk around beacon, sometimes I run. I enjoy riding my bike as well. I love spending time in the open green space just reading a book and listening
- Long Dock Park - walking, and sitting. Fishing & kayaking
- Mount Beacon or the river front
- Mountain or river
- My back yard, Long Dock, Denny's point
- Playground and trails everyday
- Memorial park 3 times a week or green street park 1-2 a week
- The mountain trails or river. Usually daily.
- Long Dock Park. 6 times/year. Walk along the river.
- "Memorial Park (several times a week - I run there and walk there)
- Long Dock Park (several times a month - for scenic views, walks/runs, to meet friends, picnic, kayak)
- Dennings Point - a few times a year (walking)
- The pathway over the Beacon/Newburgh bridge - a few times a year (walking/running)"
- Stony Kill area so I can walk in nature
- Hiking in natural areas including Mount Beacon and the waterfront.
- Walk Dennings point/long dock trail. Everyday.
- Every day I find open space, whether it's hiking on Mt Beacon or along the river, or just a walk down Main Street
- We like to go walking and biking. I really wish I didn't have to drive to Hopewell to the rail trail. My kids play sports and love being in the fields in Beacon. Mount Beacon is too crowded so we don't go often. We live long dock and the trail there along the river.
- Madame Brett park. Every day!!! I love to walk by the Fishkill Creek, the Hudson River, visit one of the most important Historical sites in the Hudson Valley (even if it's not protected- the original mill and Revolutionary War stores-front and waterway for import of wartime goods and soldiers. Quite possibly a major port stop for Henry Hudson.
- Madame Brett or the waterfront
- Waterfront and parks to relax (long dock, dennings, madam Brett, etc), hikes to exercise
- I would like to be able to bicycle safely. Every day.

- Hike Mt Beacon and other local trails, visit Long Dock, Dennings Pt., Madam Brett and University Settlement.
- Parks-few days per week, trails-few days a month, main st- weekly.
- "I go to Memorial Park almost every day, and try to walk at the different parks at least once a week: Hiddenbrooke, Long Dock, Dennings Point, Mount Beacon, and Madame Brett, mostly. I also like to meet friends for walks at these places. I take my daughter to all the playgrounds (Rec center, Green St, Riverfront, Memorial)."
- I might go to memorial park, or the empty lot at the end of Main Street, I sometimes go down to the water front (would be great if these spaces could all be connected by a scenic walking path, like turning the old railroad into a path that connects to madame brett's!)
- Sit outside my house in my yard with my garden where I can watch my food grow, enjoy the company of birds, butterflies, and bees, and keep an eye on my daughter playing with neighboring children. Sometimes we go across the street to the schoolyard on no school days, or to the river or a playground. We participate in farm programs.
- Hike, bike, playground, riverfront, watch wildlife
- "Hiking trails, Memorial Park (love the wood playground! More of that please!), Beacon waterfront. 2-3 times a week plus weekends.
- Hiking, walking, biking, picnic, meditating/writing by the water, running around with my son. "
- Everywhere, every day, everything
- On my bike, Main Street
- Fish kill creek, Daily! Mainstreet multiple times per week. Like to walk, bike. Open spaces for frisbee, etc.
- Long dock/madam Brett and memorial park; farmers market
- I visit Dennings, Kara Sauer and use the tennis courts a lot. As well as Fishkill Ridge. I use at least one of there 6 days a week.
- I always want to hike! Beacon's natural areas can be disappointing in terms of conversation. For example, Hiddenbrook has deteriorated quite a bit in the last year in terms of invasive species. It doesn't seem to be a managed space that the city is actively trying to preserve. The waterfront also has a lot of non-native species although I know there is work done there to manage them. So ideally I hike once or twice a week, generally in Cold Spring. I walk daily including by Memorial Park. I go to Memorial Park's WeePlay playground with my daughter several times a week. I go to Long Dock a couple of times a month (not more frequently since it's down the hill and other space are more accessible to me without going down there). I like looking at gardens that people have in their yards. I would love a community garden plot walking distance from where I am since I live in an apartment and can only have a container garden for now. I think it's important that Beacon preserve the additional land that is near the development happening on 9D.
- Long dock park.
- long dock by the river, Settlement Camp, Wee Woods, hike, be on a beach, play and explore with my kids. I hope the Settlement Camp can get the support it needs. So much potential there.
- Long Dock park, walking, 3-4x week. Would love more options for long walks / runs!
- I normally walk to a park and take the most scenic route. When I get there I like to feel all the energy of the surroundings. People, sky, water, animals, plants. When I am with my kids I gravitate towards areas with play spaces.

- Forest and wetlands, I go out often
- madame brett park & long dock
- I jog the Madame Brett trail through to the pier and back 5 times/week.
- Bike / walk on street, trails, hike Hudson Highlands
- Hike, forage, swim.
- Long dock denning a point madame Brett every day
- I take an hour-long walk around town every morning.
- Riverfront
- waterfront when not crowded, memorial park as i live near there, Hiddenbrook
- Mt Beacon, riverfront down to Denning's Point, Hiddenbrooke. 4x a week, hiking and walking
- long dock, river front, madam brett
- I walk around town and visit municipal parks. I would walk to the riverfront and the mountain if access were easier.
- River, walk
- Walk/hike/play at local parks, playgrounds, waterfront, state parks etc at least once a week
- Riverfront Park
- Hiddenbrook
- Hike mount Beacon
- I mostly walk in the downtown area. Other places I visit often but need to use a car to access: , playgrounds, riverfront and Hiddenbrooke.
- The mountain and the river
- Parks- Memorial, University Settlement Camp. I like walking in nature, and visiting the shops and markets along Main Street.
- Hiddenbrooke for walks 2x per week. playgrounds (Green St, Memorial park, Pete Seeger) 3-5x per week. Long dock park to walk along the river 2x per month. Like to walk and let children play.
- Riverfront parks and playgrounds. At least weekly. I job and take my children to explore and play.
- Walk around beacon
- Memorial Park/Wee Tots Playground; Long Dock Park. Walk and spend time with my toddler at the playgrounds
- Daily long walks both in town and along Scenic Hudson paths
- "walking paths along Fishkill Creek, not often during Covid pandemic"
- (My yard. 24/7 garden) Beacon parks 5 days a week to stroll and site see.
- Parks or hiking; every day
- Long Dock Park, Mt. Beacon, Dennings Point 3x per week
- waterfront or trails
- Hiking trails, daily. Parks, frequently. Waterfront, appreciate and want to preserve ability to see the river from the town (no blocking by new construction).
- Walk the riverfront as the mood strikes me, to reflect, think, enjoy quiet and solitude
- Hiddenbrook (3x/month), Green St Park (3x/week), Memorial Park (6x/month), Riverfront (3x/month)
- Long Dock Park

- Long dock park; dennings point; memorial park; green st park. Hike, bike, stroll
- Our backyard, or down to the river
- Memorial Park is a phenomenal resource - it can be used for so many purposes. I use it to read, to meet with friends and for recreation. Long Dock park is also a unique and beautiful space. It incorporates natural elements so well. I go there to look into the water and to kayak.
- "We go To the river front to walk "
- Long Dock
- Running away from the crowd
- Walk run or hike at Mt Beacon or Long Dock or near prison cemetery
- Madam Brett, Longdock, Riverfront, Mount Beacon, Hiddenbrooke, Memorial Park
- Long Dock Park - beach looking toward Dennings Point. Weekly for 20 minutes or more.
- I like to run on paths and trails.
- Madam Brett Park
- My own property
- Walking/Hiking/Biking Trailsâ€”walking, hiking, biking
- Mt Beacon via Pocket Road, 2. Long Dock and Dennings Point, 3. Roundhouse-area parks and waterfall, 4. Memorial Park, 5. Madame Brett and surrounding creek and wetland; I'm out anywhere from 2â€”5 times a week, usually hiking or biking or running, sometimes picnicking, sometimes playing a sport like frisbee or soccer, sometimes taking my music-making rig outside to work on new music when the weather is good, but often going out to do absolutely nothing in particular
- Walks through town - daily; memorial park - weekly; riverfront parks - monthly; nearby hikes - quarterly
- by the waterfront, park, 3-4x week
- Hiking, playing basketball/tennis, or just wandering around town, including parks
- Madame Brett for a walk or one of the parks to hang out.
- When I go out, I will be on bike and use Main St as a thoroughfare. Then I usually make my way to either the mountain or the riverfront and use the nearby trails. I like to pull over at the nearby trails and take in nature for a bit. It is very therapeutic, and it's been especially nice to explore nature where it has previously been blocked off to public access.
- river and park
- Walk/hike and take photographs with FILM cameras!
- walk the creek and mountain, including atving, as much as work and life allow
- on my deck or take a walk with my dog, several times a day Always start the day outside with a cup of copy on the deck, even in winter, rain etc.
- long dock park
- Walk to main street or walking trail at least 5 days per week
- Run
- Madam Brett Park-for walking and bird watching, Memorial Park-for the playground and jogging, Mount Beacon-hiking
- Long dock, Madam Brett park, Memorial park. Walking and biking ... occasionally meditating.
- The woods or riverside
- Hike Mount Beacon 2 times weekly

- Long dock/dennings point to soak in the beauty of the river in my hammock or hunting for beach glass
- Hiking or walking the Pocket Rd trail, Mt. Beacon, Long Dock, Madame Brett- almost daily. Playgrounds with my kids, at least weekly. Athletic fields, almost daily. Biking - regularly but we often go to the rail trail because the streets in Beacon are not conducive to biking as a family.
- I run outside about 5-6 days per week, often on the trails around Long Dock, Denning's Point
- Madam Brett Park, Long Dock Park, Denning Point
- Long Dock - 2-3x week; Madam Brett -1x month; exercise, play with my kids
- Down to the river or Madam Brett's Park.
- I am outside a lot!!! I run (walking and bike paths would be my 2nd priority) along 9D down to slocum road and then back to my house on Howland. Or I run to madam brett along tioranda and then round the river trails, or verplanck to the Newburgh bridge. Do this 2 or 3 times a week. I walk to Main Street a few times a week. I hike up the mountain once or twice a week. I have also really enjoyed eating out doors during the parklet season. I love fresh air!
- local mountains, trails and sidewalks
- All green spaces. Bird watch. Walk, run, hike trails. Necessary for physical and mental health.
- Dennings point to long dock, pocket road, my garden
- Love having safe spaces to walk with my children
- Parks on riverfront (Long Dock, Dennings Point, Pete & Toshi), as well as Mm Brett, and paths along Fishkill creek.
- Hiking, biking kayaking mostly all over the mid-hudson valley and catskills.
- Climb Mt. Beacon a few times a month.
- Walk to Madame Brett Park and use the trails to Dennings Point and Long Dock. Hike up the trail from Pocket Road, or Settlement Camp Theater. It's important that these quieter trails are not overly developed and advertised, for the benefit of the wilderness around them, but attention should be given to protecting them. When walking on Main St, a major barrier to prolonged enjoyment is the lack of comfortable public green space, like a park/
- my garden, my neighborhood, waterfront park, main street/primarily walking, taking pictures, sketching
- Hiking in the preserved forested areas and walking on the trails by the riverfront. I also bike. It would be great if we had a continuous connected bike trails! I often want to sit outside somewhere along Main St and would love a green space there.
- Outside our house
- Long Dock, Madame Brett park, Mt Beacon. Weekly.
- Hands down Long Dock park and the trails leading to Madam Brett Park and Dennings Point
- Go outside every day, take my children to long dock and Dennings point regularly, visit city parks regularly
- Long Dock, walk around the city, Memorial Park, Madam Brett
- I go to Mt Beacon, Long Dock or Madame Brett...about 1x/wk
- I walk around my neighborhood every night and I hike or bike our trails on the weekends.
- Walk through my neighborhood; down Main Street; riverfront
- Madame Brett ; Long Dock Park- every few saysfor walking, some biking
- Quiet safe places, paths through woods, along river. Also Main Street but not on weekend.

- Riverfront park for views of the river. We go probably once every two weeks. I like to walk with my dog, watch the sunset, or ride a bike (although the gravel path is not ideal for that).
- Park.
- Fishkill and Scofield Ridges
- As much as possible. Connect to train and other area resources
- "Hiddenbrooke, Seeger Park, Stone St.
- Safe Walking Paths "
- Hiddenbrooke to walk several times a week
- My wife and I walk along the Long Dock park almost every evening with our 1 year old daughter to enjoy the sunset.
- "I go down to
- The river; Dennings Point is a favorite and also Long Dock, Pete &Toshi Seeger Memorial Park. I go several times a week to walk my dogs."
- I like to go to the riverfront (Long Dock, Clara Sauer Trail, etc.), and I like to hike there as well as Dennings Point, Madam Brett Park, and Mount Beacon. I also like to go to Memorial Park. I love seeing the trees all over Beacon. All of these places and activities are important to me. I like kayaking from the Beacon riverfront as well.
- Long Dock Park, Madam Brett Park
- Walk in Madam Brett Park, up Mount Beacon, or Long Dock Park, or the trails maintained by Stonykill.
- The mountain, playground, park almost every day
- Walk in parks
- Run - all over Beacon - enjoy being down by the river
- Walk/hike daily. Mme Brett, Dennings Point, University Settlement Camp, along Fishkill and Hudson River waterfront, Hudson Highlands State Park, Heritage Trail.
- madam Brett Park, Mt Beacon, Dennings Point, etc once a month to hike
- Memorial, green street, long dock park, pete and Toshi Seeger park
- Memorial Park
- Long Dock Park, Denning's Point, and Madam Brett Park. Every Saturday and Sunday.
- Hiddenbrooke or Long Dock every day- walking paths, exploring nature, kayaking
- I like to find a place to walk that is peaceful, calm and restorative; most likely not Main St. Possibly Long Dock or the Franciscan seminary.
- Go for walks at Long Dock, Madam Brett, Main St. Used to hike Mt Beacon & Breakneck until they became overcrowded with tourists. Also like to play basketball in Beacon at various courts but especially Rombout Middle School because the hoop rims at all of the other courts are too thick. Memorial Park court in particular could benefit from drainage improvements and sediment & erosion control as the court floods regularly and is very dusty. If this were addressed, then it may become the best court to play at aside from RMS.
- I hike locally from my home in various directions - the whites, the cemeteries along Washington Ave, Hiddenbrooke
- Every day I walk around my neighborhood. On weekends I walk into town- this is less frequent because of influx of people and construction. I also hike the less travelled trails.
- Long Dock Park

- walk to river (1x/day), kayak on river (3 x /wk)
- Open the door and walk out.
- Hiddenbrooke, Waterfront area, and Memorial Park.
- Long Dock Park
- Parks, river
- Mountain hiking trails; trails along creeks & streams; greenways. One to three times per week
- Walk, Hike, my neighborhood.
- Long Dock Park, to walk, read, play flute, watch the River. 3 to 4 times a week. Or more
- To the waterfront, I practice martial arts. 5 mornings or more out of the week.
- On the mountain; walking, biking, nature oriented things
- mount beacon help us limit tourism so itâ€™s not destroyed
- Long dock & madam Brett, pocket rd: walk, bike, hike, qi gong, gather with friends
- The wilder spaces on the mountain and near the creek and river
- Ride my bike, be with the trees, be by the water, observe wildlife
- Long dock , madame Brett and denning point, Pocket road and Hiddenbrooke
- Mt Beacon or Pocket Rd trail - at least once a week.
- Hiddenbrook, Pocket Rd trail, Madam Brett park, Natch trail. I like to hike near streams and water areas that are less crowded.
- Hike long dock, mt beacon, madam brett
- I go to local parks, Mt Beacon, Dennings Point, Long Dock, Sauer trail. I like to bike, hike, walk my dogs
- Walk my dog in Memorial Park (daily) or Drive to Long Dock (Weekly)
- long dock, madam brett, pocket road
- Hiking in the Hudson Highlands once a week
- Most of the time, longdock park and the river front park. If I don't feel like doing hills, Memorial Park. If I really want to walk I'll take the trails from Madam Brett Park to Long Dock.
- I like to walk along fishkill creek, twice a week
- Hiking, Long Dock, or Memorial Park
- Madame Brett, Long Dock, various Mt Beacon trails
- My Beacon or the river...to hike or walk
- Water front walks or hikes - 1x week
- Long Dock, Riverfront, Memorial Park, the railroad tracks that run along 52. I primarily like to walk, ride my bike, and enjoy scenic views.
- Walking paths, parks, and Main Street
- Long Dock Park, Denning's Point, Memorial Park, Madam Brett Park, Bowdoin Park
- To the river for a walk with a friend.
- Generally walk around my neighborhood. Few times/week.
- Walk along the River
- Mt beacon and madame brett hiking and green st playground. Almost every day.
- My top three parks in Beacon are Long Dock Park, Madam Brett Park, Denning's Point. Usually 3-5 times a week between the three
- Mountains, trails, waterfront up

- I go to Long Dock or Mount Beacon, I go at least once a week - I go walking and hiking, and like to observe and be in nature
- Daytime, daily, walk hike with my dog off leash where the land is clean, people leave no trash.
- Ride my bike and walk as often as possible, Long Dock, Madam Brett, Main Street,
- Main Street
- Riverfront most weekends. Parks at least 2times a week.
- Walks up Beacon Mountain from Pocket Road access/Walks in Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park/ a walk in Hiddenbrooke and into the forest trail there to Mountain Lane. I do this 3x a week. I would do more if I had the time. I love to hike and take nature walks.
- My yard. And every place listed on your list.
- Run or walk outside every day. Long dock, madame brett, hiddenbrook, mt beacon.
- Memorial Park. My 2nd priority is to maintain existing structures. In all areas. This includes electrical boxes, lights on fields, lights for basketball courts, bathrooms, paved parking lots (they are in terrible shape at Memorial Park).
- Dennings Point. At least weekly. I love to walk.
- I'm a frequent visitor to Long Dock Park and Memorial Park. I am at each of those parts at least once a week. I like to run, meditate, birdwatch, and take my 2 year old to the playground.
- Memorial park, I try for at least once a week for a walk
- I usually go for a walk around my neighborhood, including the trail alongside the prison cemetery/high school, or to Long Dock Park. I go for a walk a few times a week, to Long Dock a few times a month in summer. I also go out to the playgrounds a lot with my kids, a few times a week year-round.
- Memorial Park, Seeger Park, and the Hudson Highlands Trails.
- Long Dock or Madame Brett Park. Once or Twice a month. Walk.
- Playgrounds, trails, bike paths. Every day
- Backyard daily / long dock weekly for an hour, wish there were more walking trails
- I go to long dock park every day to read and relax
- Mt Beacon Park once a week for a hike. Also frequent Madam Bret and Long Dock
- Long Dock; Mme Brett; Dennings
- DEnnings Pt., Madam Brett Park, at least once a month to hike
- Long Dock and the fjord trail; memorial park; mt beacon -- these are my primary outdoor spaces that I frequent. I would say on average I jog through various parts of these and other green spaces 3 to 5 times per week and then also go to hang out with my family or friends to one of these spaces at least once a week.
- Trails and waterfront, everyday, run/walk
- I walk 6 miles per day. Usually I walk Beacon's quieter streets, or the river path. Sometimes I hike the Highlands.
- Walk from home, once or twice a week. I like to go to Main Street and watch people.
- Hiking - 2x/month, at least, Biking - 1-5x/week, Playground with kids - 1-4x/month
- Long dock and mt beacon
- walk, hike, kayak
- Pocket Road and Madame Brett trails, as much as possible, at least 3 times a week. Hiking, running, walking, breathing in the green.

- We often walk/hike in the vicinity of Breakneck Ridge.
- Walking trails, river views, dog parks
- Dennings point, I like to just sit and look at the River. Madam Brett park as well
- Walk in neighborhood, Madam Brett, Pocket Rd Trail
- Madam Brett or Disc Golf Park.
- Mt. Beacon, Long Dock park, and Memorial Park
- Walk along river
- Long Dock or Dennings Point
- Hike the mountain, walk alone Fishkill creek. 2 days a week.
- Mount Beacon, at least once a week, running/hiking
- I use the parks along the river and the creek to get out and enjoy nature with a walk.
- Long Dock, for walking
- Mountain, Madam Brett, Long Dock
- Long Dock trail, Madame Brett, Mt Beacon- hike, run, walk
- WALKING, TRAILS.
- Outside of Beacon because there are way too many people here, mostly go North for walking and hiking
- Mainly for walks either with the dogs or by myself to appreciate nature, stillness, quiet.
- We like to walk/hike at Denning's Point, Madam Brett, or South Ave park.
- I bike to the Hudson River and ride the trails or I walk to Memorial Park and sit there and read.
- Down to the river
- Memorial and long dock, walk and play with my toddler
- Walking daily @ Long Dock-Madam Brett-Dennings Point, Monument road
- I like walking on main st. I think the city missed several opportunities to purchase buildingless properties that could have been small main Street Parks. I really enjoy memorial Park but there's nothing up there. It doesn't bring the crowd from main Street.
- Memorial Park for kids, Long Dock for my own pleasure and sometimes exercise
- Mt Beacon train 5-7 days/week, Hudson River via paddle board/kayak 2x/month
- I walk in my neighborhood every day, often bike or walk to town, and use the hiking trail on Pocket Road. Sidewalks/hiking trails/bike paths are very important to me.
- I walk in my neighborhood every day, often bike or walk to town, and use the hiking trail on Pocket Road. Sidewalks/hiking trails/bike paths are very important to me.
- Long dock park, dennings point and madame Brett for walking and jogging; green st playground, wee woods, and hiddenbrooke with kids; mt beacon, Fishkill ridge and pocket rd for hiking.
- Hiddenbrook or River trail
- Everywhere, Always. Walk, climb, bike, swim, shoot. Everywhere. Any time I don;t have to be doing something indoors.
- I go to parks and the riverfront. I go daily. I like to go for walks at the river and take my son to local playgrounds.
- My family and I usually go for walks around our neighborhood, a few blocks from Main St and near South Ave school, so maintaining urban green areas, sidewalks, and trees are really important to us. Also trails to walk and bike nearby are super important.
- Mt beacon. 1-2 times a week

- Woods
- Madam Brett, Memorial Park, Long Dock. At least once per week, often 2-4
- To the parks with my daughter. We like to bike. Biking is hazardous for a 10 year old because people drive for shit around cyclists
- The River almost every day to kayak, guide kayak tours, and provide kayak instruction.
- I hike once a weekâ€” Mt Beacon, the riverfront . I walk in the morning through the neighborhoods several times a week. I enjoy walking on Main St and visiting with friends.
- We go to the riverfront and my grandchildren love Madam Brett Park. I strongly oppose building any business/homes/garages at the waterfront on the River. We are unique in the Hudson Valley that we have not ruined the waterfront at the River by building. The businesses there outside of Dia are environmentally connected.
- long dock to walk/sit
- Long dock park and Dennings point to walk
- Along the waterways or hiking in the mountain areas
- River lakes
- 3 times a week, biking, running, playing with kids. Usually by the river or Memorial Park.
- Madam Brett park, Dennings Point, Mount Beacon. Hike, walk, observe, meditate.
- I walk up Pocket Road trail or Mountain lane. I also hike the Casino trail. I enjoy Memorial park and the waterfront. I go weekly.

Appendix D. Responses for 'Other' under Question 6: "What is your #1 priority for green/open space conservation or creation?"

- Having open spaces along Main St.; too many buildings going up, need places to just be
- I don't think it's fair to separate out these categories
- I'd like to see madam Brett house have access to main Street through a park or Greenway.
- Maintain public access to all Greenway Trails and trail connections with connections to public transport. PLUS All of the above.
- More walkable open space in BIPOC communities
- Parks that incorporate and interweave conservation, reclamation, food growth, community interaction
- Prioritizing open space instead of filling all available lots with as much development as possible
- Rail trail
- Reimagining the current unused railroad track into a rail trail for safe biking/walking/ADA accessibility and connecting into other area rail trails.
- University Settlement Camp
- Walking in peace in unspoiled field and forest with my dog off leash.

Appendix E. Responses for 'Other' under Question 8: "What are the barriers keeping you from visiting Beacon's parks and open spaces?"

- A lot of the parks nearby are too crowded, often noisy and not often the most ideal place to walk about or even read a book by myself.
- Bathrooms being open and functional
- Bike trail for kids
- Biking safely to them would be great. The Recreation Department proposed a bike path around the city years ago. This would be great in order to get kids and adults off the street or broken sidewalk, and onto these paths. Same for school routes.
- Crowded
- Crowded on the weekends.
- Difficult to find places to take my dogs while walking on the street because of traffic and lack of pedestrian areas
- handicap accessibility
- I wish it was more inviting to get to the riverfront. Current routes go through the train station
- Parking. And I only come from Cold Spring!
- The only area I find hard to access is Long Dock because of the walk. I could drive, but I prefer not to drive if possible.
- having to drive to access the few I know about
- Hiking trails are overcrowded.
- I dislike the fact that they have closed off half of Dennings Point - a place that has had human occupation for thousands of years. Ridiculous!
- Developers are trying to make their greenway trails inaccessible and unappealing in order to keep the public off of their property
- Over crowded
- the people using our lands are not from around here and act like the are. the out of towners are rude
- Too crowded
- I wish I knew about more community events and groups focused on supporting natural spaces. I don't like social media so it's a bit hard to find this information.
- I wish there were better sidewalks and pathways to visit the open spaces on foot or by bike.
- If I don't feel like going far from my house or beyond walking distance. Also, lack of bathrooms can be an issue.
- Pocket Road has become hard to access...can parking be improved/provided so it's not just for those lucky enough to live there?
- We really need connector trails
- Lack of parking at Seeger park
- Lack of shaded spots
- Many of our roads have terrible pedestrian and bike options.
- mosquitos
- Need more walkable sidewalks and crosswalks as well as bike lanes on main routes to parks .
- Again, a walking path that connects the parks would be great
- Motorbikes and ATVs destroy trails and scare hikers and wildlife.

- No barriers for me, I visit them often, however I wish there were more green/open space/pocket parks on Main St. itself.
- No barriers now that I have a car. When I didn't have a car, green spaces were much harder to access.
- The mountain does get crowded sometimes
- Not sure
- Overpopulated and not enough space for the those of us who were born and raised here.
- Over population
- Overdevelopment, excessive noise, community begins to feel crowded
- expanding on "Safety concerns": lack of bike and walking paths makes traveling to open spaces pretty scary; this is especially an issue on 9D/Wolcott
- I don't drive so I rely on areas that are walkable from my home. Local mass transportation is irregular.
- overcrowding. parking (if we can't get there by foot).
- I'd like to bring my dog (leashed) more places to enjoy the outdoors, but too many irresponsible people let their dogs off leash. Not worth the risk.
- lack of sidewalks in outer parts of the city
- Long Dock is way too crowded for calm visitation.
- Safety concern in some of them (Behind Rec center), need of variety - I get tired of going always to the same spots.
- Sometimes by the river and Pete Seeger park there are suspicious activities going on. security there would be an improvement
- Traffic safety when walking or biking
- Some are hard to reach by foot/bike because they are off of busy roads or roads lacking sidewalks (Madam Brett, parts of Hudson Highlands)
- Sometimes the level of trash on the ground/shore is a turn off
- there are a few i visit but only when tourists are gone and only where trash is minimal. Truly somehow we need to organize to remediate the garbage habits of visitors.
- There are no barriers, I'm only concerned that these spaces don't get developed.
- There is no centrally located park on main street. I worry about parks being overrun with out of towners during peak times so I avoid them
- There is no easy way to reach the riverfront by biking
- I wish there was more open space within close walking distance from my house. That's why I use the trail behind the high school / prison cemetery area.
- Not enough biking trails
- Too crowded sometimes
- Too many people now
- too many people, not enough areas
- Too much overdevelopment infringing on our natural resources
- WE AT THE BEACON GREENWAY TRAIL COMMITTEE ARE WORKING HARD TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE NATURAL AND HISTORIC LANDSCAPE THAT IS AROUND US.

Appendix F. Full List of Suggestions for Improved Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Accessibility

- n/a
- Multi-lingual welcome signs
- Converting the railroad tracks to a walking/biking path is #1 for me.
- bike and walking paths, more of a focus on SW Beacon/Ward 2 – even in our short time here it's pretty clear that this area, which seems to be the least wealthy and the most diverse, has the worst public infrastructure for quality of life
- Sidewalks, protected bike lanes, public transportation
- more wayfinding, a centralized resource of green/open space
- Up the anti for ADA
- Better designated parking locations.
- Bike paths and walking streets. We should prioritize the slowest mode of transportation.
- More advertising
- Better public transport options
- We need better access to Long Dock and Riverside parks - they are cut off by the train tracks and difficult to access by foot/bike.
- That's a matter of ensuring an even spread of parks and green spaces across neighborhoods. Parks of varying size and with varying amenities (ball courts, jungle gym, picnic area, etc) should be available in all neighborhoods
- Better way finding signage and maps. Group nature walks.
- "More open spaces"
- Maybe this has changed recently but I've wondered why the playground at south ave elementary is only open during school hours
- Safety
- I don't know.
- Development of green space access throughout Beacon, not just a focus on Main St.
- Exposure
- Make more information available to new residents.
- More and better play equipment at some of the other playgrounds
- On our walk to memorial park as we pass the HS track (on Wilkes Street) we need to pass through a narrow space created by the highway barrier (metal). This area should be made easier to cross for kids on bikes, people pushing wheelchairs or strollers. While also keeping cars out.
- Connecting the trails, reducing car traffic on monument road, sidewalks and traffic calming, a dedicated plan for bikes, a bike-sharing community, racial equity, clear signage for public lands
- Greenway trail - rail trail on tracks
- Parking. Groomed/semi groomed paths in wooded areas.
- Green parks on Main St
- unsure
- Having parks accessible to Beacon only residents
- I'm not sure
- Clean public bathrooms
- Ability to access without having to deal with busy car traffic

- Providing more open space in more populated areas and less big buildings.
- Better evening lighting, and park cleanup. More money dedicated to the parks department.
- Making sure they are clean with no garbage on the ground
- Really?
- I think most people just know where the ones are that are obvious. Perhaps host various events in the less accessible places to draw more attention
- Informing the community that these spaces are for everyone. More special events to target all community members.
- Bathrooms
- Organizing community outings or get togethers
- Iâ€™d love to see more programming specifically for BIPOC residents and youth (like Kiteâ€™s Nest in Hudson).
- Make it more welcoming, benches, walking paths, etc
- Developing food forests for the community to design, develop, and maintain together.
- Nothing
- More walking/biking routes, less car dependent
- Make it a priority for residents.
- Beacon needs to stop this rant of racism there are no barriers only the ones that this generation is fostering and installing and implementing - all men are created equal weâ€™re out there sharing Mother Nature with each other - youâ€™re stirring the pot!!!!!!
- The more the better!
- Itâ€™s a difficult combo of making sure the locals know where to find open space without those same spaces being overrun by tourists.
- community-oriented events; political events to which the entire community is invited; perhaps a map of open spaces? outdoor initiatives---sketching outside; other arts-related activities.
- Repurposing the unused railroad that goes from the train station all the way up through East Main with a paved rail trail would create a needed and safe way to travel Beacon by bike or by foot and would be accessible for disabled and able-bodied residents alike.
- Expanded Loop routes?
- Would love for a safe walkable park geared towards older kids/teenagers. More places to sit (benches, tables) and accessibility would help the parks be better gathering places. Also: SHADE.
- See above
- Operational and accessible bathrooms at playgrounds on a regular and reliable basis.
- Greater sense of community
- I would have to think more about this
- dunno
- We need a park on Main Street
- More of it!
- Not sure
- Hmmm. I guess my privilege is showing - itâ€™s pretty open to me.
- I really love that the bathrooms at Memorial Park are open. Well done! I would just like a better idea of exactly where public greenspace is located, and how I can use it. Like a public map posted somewhere. I know that parks and such are on the walking maps in town, but I have no

idea where there are community gardens, for example. And I'm sure I don't know about all the parks.

- More green spaces around Main Street
- more parks/spaces within walking distance for those who don't have cars. shuttles to the parks?
- More bike access, more restrooms along walking path, more stroller-friendly paths
- Bike lanes and better sidewalks.
- Unsure
- Idk
- Bike and walking paths.
- Not sure
- Green St. Park needs more shade trees. It's blazing hot in the morning and early afternoon.
- Universal design for accessibility should be a priority
- Not sure
- Access to toilets
- don't know
- Create more safe pathways/sidewalks from residential areas to open spaces
- facilitate walking and biking
- Safe walking and biking access and better mass transportation access. Pet friendly would make this helpful too.
- More space less people
- Improved traffic enforcement and more robust network of safe walking/biking routes
- Bathrooms
- Better maintenance
- The mountain is open and accessible to everyone. I like the new parking lot.
- Create gathering spaces that allow for big families, seating, accessible for older people or handicapped people. As much as I like the weird pop-up art in the parklets they aren't inviting. They're more attractive to tourists.
- Stop building and stop advertising
- Clear signage, good public transport options
- Bike lanes! Beacon feels very unsafe for bicycling or my family would do it more. Now we drive to the rail trails in other towns and bike there
- Better sidewalks honestly. It's terrible and I can't imagine how people with disabilities navigate the sidewalks. I have to walk with my baby in the street.
- Dedicated bike lanes, increased frequency of the bus loop
- Publix transit to get there
- amenities such as public bathrooms, water fountains, ADA accessibility, lighting
- Beacon has always been open space, accessible and inclusive.
- more frequent garbage pickup in Long Dock Park, esp. on weekends
- We need more bike trails
- xx
- Get rid of the alt-right flags and other symbolism surrounding them.
- Significantly restrict development. SIGNIFICANTLY.
- City responsibility for sidewalk maintenance, bike lanes

- Better public transit options
- Better signage and bilingual signage
- I don't know.
- A big gap is bike paths and protected bike lanes. It is such a great activity for recreation, exercise and transportation.
- Idk
- for some people transportation/ parking may be barriers
- Finding ways to prioritize green spaces for residents over tourists
- There are derelict spaces or off limits areas that could be opened up. Lots of metal fences that maybe don't need to be there.
- I feel it is accessible, inclusive and equitable.
- Improving walkability from Main Street down to river.
- Nothing comes to mind, other than having as many open spaces as possible.
- Unsure
- We have enough open space in this city. Use hindenbrook.
- Stop building condos everywhere. Especially in areas that are next to water. They make acces to green spaces more difficult and less natural. And they block the views.
- More access to public restroom facilities; more covered outdoor space like pavilions; more programs outside to teach the public about the outdoors and nature, especially culturally-responsive-specific programs catered towards the community "An equitable access is not just about creating the physical space, but also engaging the community and inviting them to the space in ways that show them the space is for them.
- Preservation & upgrading of existing open spaces on/near Main st. (ramps, benches, landscaping, etc.); prioritizing pedestrian (& bike) traffic over vehicles
- more access to waterfront; keep it clean and relatively peaceful and don't surrender it to those who don't respect such areas
- more public transit, affordable housing that has easy access to open space
- I'm not sure.
- Attention to ADA implementation across the city would be good for existing spaces
- "I fell that they are already accessible and welcoming to all"
- I don't know
- keep it for beacon people
- Signage along Main St. And open spaces along Main St. Also if the free bus could make a stop at, say, Long Dock or???
- more green space on Main Street. stop making Beacon a place for wealthy individuals second homes. more affordable housing.
- Green parks on Main Street rather than new construction of buildings.
- Map
- bathrooms, multilingual signage, ADA accessibility
- Safer crosswalks, especially across Verplank and Wolcott/9D
- Not an issue
- Add more parking areas
- Not sure

- Improved sidewalk system, pocket park in downtown areas, more bike friendly
- Provision of child care, more public seating
- New foot trails that connect separate conservation units or open spaces, even when traversing narrow or urbanized corridors, are highly desirable as they will make Beacon's open spaces more accessible and also serve as corridors of for biodiversity conservation. The Klara Saure trail is effective in this regard.
- Getting paved lots for wheelchairs (Madam Brett?!?!?) and paved paths for wheelchairs and strollers
- Enough parking for everyone.
- I don't personally feel excluded so it's difficult to answer this. My hope would be that we could become accessible/inclusive whilst retaining as much natural feel as possible, since the more natural the feel, the more physical and mental health benefits. I think things like a community bike rental scheme/bike share would be fantastic (e bikes even)
- Less dog walking and more enforcement of leash laws.
- Ban all motorbikes and ATVs on trails. Patrol reservoirs to keep them safe and clean. Finish rail trail up through Fishkill and beyond.
- Just more of it. Planted with native perennials and trees less mowing more meadows
- Clear paths for walkers, strollers & wheelchairs
- Not every family has transportation readily available to reach a park. We need to preserve some of the city's vacant lots to create green, open spaces and community gardens.
- More space in heavy traffic areas (ex: main street). There is open space on each side of main street but nothing in the middle.
- Not sure. There's lots of it and easy to access.
- Easier means of access-- better sidewalks and bike-friendly roads. Also, more accessible play equipment in playgrounds. Shuttle bus specifically for places where fewer people have cars (low income housing?) to places like the pool, the memorial park pavilion, and long Dock Park. Bathrooms at playgrounds open longer through the year. Opportunities for concessions/food trucks. Better PR with low income population and support with registration and transportation to events.
- should be in all parts of the town, development should be stopped as there are too many buildings already
- Bus routes? (I think the route already goes to green spaces). Is there a very accessible open soccer/futbol field? A bandshell for live performances. School field trips.
- I wish they were less accessible to non residents.
- To somehow eliminate the tension between the so-called "old Beacon" and "new Beacon". I am a huge believer in protection of our natural resources, and recognizing whether our own activities interfere with other peoples enjoyment of our shared natural resources. For example, I don't believe people should be driving jeeps up the mountain. But I also recognize that they have been for years, and people who do that resent newcomers who disagree with them. I would love to see someway to bring people together and recognize we all want to enjoy the beauty that beacon has to offer.
- Signage welcoming people, I'm still confused by Hiddenbrooke, and what is private, what is public - same with the Settlement Camp. And easy access to enter and exit the trails.

- All abilities play ground, more playground access in under-served neighborhoods, loop bus running to key natural areas like university settlement camp (pool and green space)
- More sidewalks and paths connecting some parks (like Madam Brett)
- Hire a DEIJ expert for this one.
- more parking
- Improved maintenance of older parks; making the public aware of different locations
- Signage directing people to locations??
- More of them spread around the area.
- I'm not sure
- Better public announcement.
- Parking and transportation to trails.
- Bike lanes, more crossings on 9D south of main street. Public stair cases and right of ways at dead ends to provide more direct access to harbor heights high school (yes they do have a high school up there) esp for the children accessibility
- Handicapped access and sidewalks locally!!
- more trails connecting them
- Bathrooms and diaper changing stations
- It's accessible enough, I don't want to lose the quiet quality of the waterfront areas to allow hordes of tourists easy access. I am not sure that the trail planned for connecting with Coldspring won't have a deleterious effect on wildlife in the area.
- More green spaces left relatively "wild" on city-owned land.
- More street trees on Main Street would lend to a sense of green space. All the new retail and sidewalks by the tracks without a tree in sight. That should be tree lined. The space should have been created. The fact that it wasn't demonstrates a lack of commitment to green space overall.
- School field trips to the various trails and spaces so kids are familiar with the abundance of resources in our midst, and realize how precious they are.
- Start with ADA parking and trails
- More bike paths
- Not sure.
- Greenways/trails along Fishkill with directional signage and signed parking available.
- Idk
- N/a
- enforce rules against parking on the grass
- Handicap access is limited and constrained. At Long Dock Park the handicap spaces are at the far end, not close to the piers except in one spot. Why are the handicapped made to go the longest distance?
- More spaces with trails, better marking, community outreach, BCSD bringing children on the trails often
- "There might be a stop on all construction of housing; resources need to go towards existing business owners and organizations that provide programs for the youth...after-school programs and job training and certainly those that help prevent youth dependency on drugs (opioids) and on their just ""hanging out"" on the streets because they have no other place to go

- Not sure.
- walking/biking paths for getting from one place to the next
- More organized community events
- More parking at Long Dock
- clearer/more well defined/public walking connection with the river
- Shovel the sidewalks.
- Not sure
- nothing
- Map
- I don't know enough about this to respond.
- Better parking, more trails
- Perhaps more use of these spaces by schools will help
- Bus access
- Have them more geared towards locals
- Putting open green public spaces on Main Street rather than more development would be great for all locals.
- Having a continuous or dedicated bike loop connecting parks through town and running alongside the Fishkill would make it even more accessible. including stops on the bus for folks to access parks.
- Parks on / closer to main
- Physical accessibility; better waste management; outdoor education, community events involving food and advertised with flyers
- Not sure -
- M
- Keep bathrooms/porta potties open and clean
- They already are inclusive, we just need more of them
- More biking trails, being more open to dogs
- Clean bathrooms
- the entire city needs to be more accessible for the open spaces to be.
- I'm not sure, I haven't lived here long enough to know the issues
- Regular maintenance of parks and park equipment, especially in low income areas like ward 2. Recreation Programming would be great too. Free Wi-fi.
- Do a sliding scale fee for gazebo access.
- I do feel a little concerned about disturbing nearby residents when I look for parking at Pocket Rd. Maybe a small parking area - set a short walk from the trailhead - would be worth creating?
- I'm not aware of barriers to use.
- Have a compost toilet at Mt Beacon and the riverfront for hikers
- More programs highlighting each so the community knows where and what is available to them.
- Check out the accessible features that Promenade Park in Ft. Wayne, Indiana did to make sure that everyone was able to enjoy the park.
- Sidewalks along the the roads leading to them, or a network of off-street trails or bike lanes like those that exist at the waterfront
- ramps for wheelchair-bound people to be able to access more

- More pathways.
- Not sure
- More Benches. Shaded areas
- More public transport connections such as more beacon free loop
- More designated areas/routes for biking. Beacon is the perfect sized town to adopt more biking infrastructure.
- Advertisement
- Community gatherings, better public transit
- Keep it clean.
- That it's open and important to residents and visitors alike
- Have more
- Parking
- I think we could use more bikeable areas within (surrounding) the parks.
- I think Beacon done a good job with this already. I'd like to see the city put more protections in place in preserving existing remaining open green spaces natural resources and historic properties.
- More flat, smooth trail options accommodating of both bikes and wheelchairs. Happy we have Long Dock but many of our community trail options are highly technical and inaccessible to most people.
- More tables. Nice tables. Trash cans. Keep the grill pits. Keep them open to the public as much as possible, and not rented out by several large events like markets. Markets are fun every now and then, but when they close the park to the public in order to have them, that is hard. Like the 2021 one in Riverfront.
- Perhaps information to each household about what is available?
- I think having open community spaces in the center of town - along Main street would do a lot to encourage community connection, especially if local nonprofits and community organizations committed to equity were able to use those spaces to host events/dialogues/community gatherings.
- Maps or signs pointing out there are open spaces
- Playgrounds are a mixed bag - at Green Street, it's a pretty limited age group that can use the structure; Pete and Toshi park and Memorial Park have a better mixture of play structures. All could have more structures for disabled/differently abled kids. More small pocket parks would increase access.
- I am strongly in favor of walking and cycling routes that are car-free or physically protected from motor vehicle traffic. Beacon should be bold in it's establishment of streets and plazas that are pedestrian only, and protected cycling paths that connect to all parts of Beacon - the MTA Maybrook line conversion would be a fantastic part of such a system.
- Free community events for communities who may not always feel welcome
- Better walking and bike paths. Rail trail!!!
- Better access. I waited for the free loop after the train the other day and he drove up and said he was going on lunch and I'd have to wait an hour. There should also be more green space on main st. Rail trail.
- n/a

- Many open spaces currently require a car to access conveniently. Better infrastructure to allow people to safely walk or bike to green spaces would be great
- More outreach to community
- Better maps to help people locate the trails and where to park
- I'm not sure if this already exists but a diverse board that plans different public events with the multitude of cultures and experiences and abilities of the residents of Beacon in mind.
- Easier access and lights
- Calming hostile intersections.
- Places to sit, shade trees, and more bathrooms.
- Places I could bike to more easily
- While I love the riverfront, it can be downright disgusting at times. Last year my daughter was picking up some stones down by long dock and got some black smelly greasy material on her hand that immediately caused a bright red rash. I looked around the area and the greasy black substance was everywhere, on many of the rocks. I took her home and washed the area right away. The rash didn't go away for several days. I am now more cautious than before about letting her touch anything by the river, which really puts a damper on exploration and fun down there.
- paying attention to sight lines, many more public bathrooms.
- A trail connecting the East end of Main Street to Madame Brett Park and the waterfront
- Better parking and more safety for pedestrians.
- Utilize existing unused open spaces, ample seating, space for recreation/events
- Central located, make sure some parks are focused on local needs rather than tourists (playgrounds, dog parks), create more space and opportunity for community gardens. Ensure that our open spaces are preserved and ideally increased and not crowded by luxury apartment buildings
- Not sure.
- More connected trails
- More community and cultural events
- More transportation, preserve what we have instead of blocking access with luxury housing and posting of no trespassing signs, plant more trees
- If there were more easily accessible open spaces, there would be less crowding and less damage to the natural spaces.
- There is nothing wrong with building a little bit of parking after the gate at the trail head for mt beacon at pocket rd. There is space and it can be done to still protect whatever the water Department wants to protect. it will create lower impact for the people who live there. Get city council to finish the South ave bridge!! It will open up that whole area even more and allow major trails to connect to breakneck and cold spring. This will allow for the restoration of that area and completion of the green way trail to the river.
- N/a
- I am not aware that any of Beacon's open spaces/parks are not open to all who wish to use them.
- MORE PARKING
- Bike trails and bike paths!

- Not sure
- MORE SUPPORT FOR THE GREENWAY TRAIL NETWORK, CITY NEEDS TO PRIORITIZE OBTAINING ACCESS EASEMENTS FOR THE REMAINING PARCELS THROUGH WHICH THE FCGHT PASS.
- Way more open space, less apartments
- I don't have a good answer for this—I think making more such open spaces is key to having them more used. Maybe ensuring they have seating, water, etc.
- Parks and walking/bike paths should be promoted more to the public with a map or flier.
- Maintenance and expansion of trails
- I pleased with how Scenic Hudson manages their waterfront park
- Map of city parks
- Establish community gardens
- Benches and tables, land art, large art installations, trees.
- Better parking and/or connections via wider/safer sidewalks
- I don't know
- I don't know
- Better sidewalks, walking and biking trails and paths.
- Trails linking all natural areas.
- More of it
- Open a playground near projects such as Davies Terrace, Forrestal Heights, Etc.
- Having bathrooms that are open (or portables) in the parks is important to accessibility. I feel that the green areas are very accessible in Beacon
- Connect Grooveville with liberty street over the old bridge
- Controlled tourism, more options
- Listening to minority groups on this question (as a cis white person I'm not qualified to answer)
- Bike lanes
- Bike lanes, more sidewalks.
- Easy access
- Keep them just that. Open spaces.
- ?
- Connecting existing green spaces with bike/walking paths
- More greenways
- Allocate more public space
- More bike paths, please!
- increased knowledge, awareness, and promotion.
- More signage to let people know that they can go there.

Appendix G. Full List of Additional Questions, Concerns, or Ideas

- 1) There are two large areas (Denning Point and Mt Beacon). Sandwiched in between is an open space desert. 2) A better effort should be made to using native trees along public roads. Main street has stretches of ornamental pears that are non native and potentially destructive. 3) replace public grass islands with wildflowers. This reduces maintenance and adds ambience.
- Again, I can not stress how amazing a rail trail would be, also there is no real way to enjoy the waterfall without since the rail itself is hard to walk on with kids or a stroller and roundhouse has the other side.
- "As homogeny increases with population density it feels even more important to protect natural space for ALL bodies.
- Additionally preservation like trail maintenance is critical. For example, the mount Beacon Trail is eroding quickly with no sign of care.
- Use-regulation is also important to help preserve quality of life for neighboring residents. "
- Beacon parks and trails must remain safe and free of crime
- Beacon should work with the Town of Fishkill to protect the old Texaco Factory and surrounding acreage and keep it open and undeveloped for more green space - leave it open recreational green space and help prevent developers from over building - work with Scenic Hudson and the Hudson LandTrust and add that to the Mount Beacon Range preserve. That Glenham access point into Mount Beacon is too valuable to see it sold to private developers. It could be like Mohonk Preserve. We need to protect the southern Dutchess mountain region and inspire the next few generations to care for, and explore this natural world and enjoy! Get Lucy Rockefeller sitting at the table.
- Better garbage cans
- Building a parking garage in the municipal lot on Main St. by the county offices is a TERRIBLE IDEA. Need to keep that space open for markets, events, daily parking, breathing and seeing the sky. The pollution alone is despicable, as is the obstruction of a view. The new buildings do plenty of that already.
- Can we clean up the garbage cans on Main St?
- cars parked on grass in Memorial Park despite illegality; no enforcement of rules.
- City should buy building on main Street that hides madam Brett homestead. Take the building down and put in a greenspace that highlights that beautiful house.
- Community fruit trees would be awesome. Especially pawpaws and Meader and/or Szukis persimmons.
- Concerned that this issue could be used as an excuse to argue against additional/ affordable housing.
- "Continuous, road free bike path.
- Pollinator area at Hiddenbrooke by not mowing the fields so it can stay wild.
- Serious campaign to educate about and create policy to curb use of lawn chemicals and gas-powered lawn care equipment.
- Green public space on Main St. with sitting areas.
- Conserve the preserved areas!
- All new or restored buildings should have to preserve or create some open space.
- Doing a great job keep going forward.

- "Don't build parking garages.
- Stop building 3+ story buildings.
- Stop new construction on Main Street.
- Have small parks with trees on Main Street instead.
- "Extremely concerned that so many of the London Plane trees on Main St and surrounding the public lot are dead or dying. There needs to be a plan to start replacing them. Why the empty tree spots in front of Rite Aid and the Hudson Credit Union? It creates a run down look to that section of Main. Why did you allow the developers of the condo units on the south side of the street to plant substandard Ginko trees. One was dead when it was planted, shoots protruding from the base, and another with a horribly bent and crooked trunk.
- Then the space planting behind the post office and the Diner, etc. That street could be lovely if only there was a commitment to planting and maintaining the trees. You have a man go by watering the flowers hanging from the posts, and he fills his truck on that street but doesn't put a drop of water in the Gator bags on the new trees.
- Fjord Trail will be a godsend!
- Green spaces are under utilized and in that suggest that they are not valued by the City of Beacon
- Hoping that development of rail trail goes through as it will help connect Beacon to the rest of the larger Hudson Valley area
- How can we resist erecting a building wherever there is an open space? I am a fan of density but not at the expense of breathing room. There are open sites along Main St that should be preserved as parklets.
- How to keep nature's beauty protected from capitalism.
- I am concerned that even with a new outlook there is still too much focus on ensuring space is used "productively"â€”this is crushing to the soul of the place, and also doesn't take into account changing definitions and ideas of what constitutes productive use.
- I am particularly concerned by the over development of housing and yet this housing is ,for the most part, not affordable so neighborhoods seem less diverse and people who survived Beacon's worst days can no longer afford to live here.
- I believe we should protect the creek side areas from development from South ave/ Madam Brett park along Tioronda to the falls at the Roundhouse
- I do have something on my wish list!!! I would like a better â€”greenwayâ€” from river to mountain. At present, the Beacon â€”greenwayâ€” (by that i mean trails or scenic/protected routes) runs ALONG the river, or in the Hudson Highlands, but thereâ€”s not much to connect up the two (and this would also make sense for city hikers coming from the train station to mountain). I live at the base of the mountain, but getting down to the river or Newburgh bridge by bike or running requires some creative thought, and at points, isn't the safest or most scenic. Running/biking up mount beacon is HARD, so I think a lot of runners in the Matteawan part of town try routes around hiddenbrooke or 9D, or we try to get down to the flatlands of the river. But the roads aren't really built for such recreation, in fact depuyster and tioronda can be a nightmare for speeding cars. I would also like to know how people who live near the mountain can run or bike (safely) down to the fjord trail once it's built. Will we have to go all the way up to dennings point???? That would be a real shame if so, it wold be great to be able to do so from 9D.

- I don't think we need more parking structures or apartments
- I haven't run down by the river since a man exposed himself to me on the path. I don't know what exactly can be done, but when I reported it to the police they said this wasn't uncommon in the parks and in the trails.
- I hope the good work you are doing rubs off on the neighboring towns
- I just wish they were less congested on weekends.
- I know this is an expensive far shot, but using the tracks on main street for a trolley to connect East Main to the train station would be great, or using it as a rail trail, or both if possible.
- I live in Fishkill right at the border of Beacon. So Beacon issues are important to me, and I use its public spaces.
- I moved here to see the mountains; I don't want high buildings & condos to cover it or build on it
- I really think we're missing a lot of opportunity with Memorial Park. I don't think we need five baseball fields when there's never more than one game ever at a time. I think the inclusion of trees and trails could make memorial park way more interesting of a place to enjoy. The whole park feels very segmented by the giant useless open field.
- I think pocket parks on main Street would help distinguish us as a destination and also be frequented by residents. I think turning the existing rail line that connects the long dock park to the Dutchess Rail Trail what attract a lot of tourists and again also serve the local community. I think there's an opportunity to create more park space along fishkill Creek within downtown Beacon near the roundhouse that would again be popular with both residents and tourists. One additional park that could really put us on the map as the destination and also serve locals would be creating a whitewater kayak park in the creek similar to what has been created in other towns including Reno Nevada.
- I think that there must be creative out of the box thinking when designating open space for public gathering. We must make Beacon easily navigable without the primary focus being parking. People need to be encouraged wherever possible to be willing to walk or use mass transportation (bus, trolley, train etc) around town. Main St. areas that are central should be used for open air markets and community recreation, available for community gatherings and socializing. A careful examination of off Main St. parking should be done and maps available to both visitors and citizens alike.
- I think what exists is fine; except Main Street could use more parks, rather than more buildings..
- I was disappointed that the Planning Board did not approve creation of accessible path under 9D bridge recently. Bad call.
- I worry about further development of spaces. I've heard near Madam Bretts they may be developing more.
- I would appreciate more cultural programming in the parks.
- I would hate to see the Incline Railroad developed. I don't mind development on private land but this is supposed to be public land. I hope your group will fight this.
- I would love a public dog park in Beacon, not including the one near memorial park which is not inclusive due to the inconvenience and money to gain membership. Because there aren't any free/easy options, I see many dog owners using unclaimed open spaces as make shift dog parks, which can be dangerous if not fenced in. It would be much safer if we used one of these open spaces as a designated, fenced in dog park.

- I would love to be able to walk to nearby towns (Wappingers, Fishkill) without exposing my body to the shock of traveling alongside a relentless stream of gas-guzzling metal boxes. I would also love to see asphalt (aka toxic icing) removed, and replaced with brick or some kind of permeable covering.
- I would love to see a rail trail developed along Fishkill creek, and trail networks connected from riverfront all the way to cold spring
- I would love to see bicycling supported in a big way, with safe lanes and trails. Would love to see downtown become pedestrian only.
- I would love to see more bike paths in natural navigation areas.
- I'd love to see Sunday on Main St as an "open streets" day, so people have to get out of their cars.
- I'm concerned about global warming and the increased flooding we've had-I'm concerned for our dams on the reservoirs -I believe the state and city need to work together to repair the dams
- I'm concerned about over development, tall houses blocking green views, politicians who are selling off Beacon and local agents who say they want affordable housing and sustainability but we know they are not keeping promises.
- I'm concerned with the new riverfront residential buildings and the limit access to affordable housing.
- I've heard that a huge parking and retail structure is planned to be built in the DMV parking lot. This neighborhood, and our block in particular, has already suffered through four years of endless construction, noise, stress, and traffic disruption from the two large apartment buildings that were approved and built at the corner of Main & Elm. The DMV parking lot has proven to be a great location for the farmers market and large community gatherings of all sorts, plus it's a nice open spot in Beacon where folks walk their dogs and kids can ride bikes and play safely. Please do not turn this community area into a crazy multi-story parking garage!
- I'd like to see dedicated bike lanes. Right now, it's too scary to be in traffic.
- I'm actually quite happy with the open spaces in Beacon so I hope they will be kept clean and preserved. More safe biking access would be great.
- I'm very sad that so much development is disrupting wild, green and open space, and that so many buildings are blocking views of the mountains, rivers and creeks.
- Increment of natural spaces which would have native plants, will support the ecosystem in general. Less areas where there is just large manicured grass and more diversity of trees and plants. Big push for urban agriculture/agroforests, maybe also areas for free roaming chicken for fresh eggs?
- Invasive species control, using open space within "pollinator pathways" initiative, pesticide. use
- It would be nice to have a splash pad or aquatic addition to one of the exhausting beacon parks.
- it would be nice to have more dog parks that are free and open to everyone, and to have some open space with trees near downtown. waterfront development should be more restricted. The golf course when it is repurposed should be kept as recreational public space not a place to squeeze in more construction.
- It's important to preserve some natural areas from abuse by people while offering everyone a chance to enjoy natural surroundings.

- Keep urbanization under control; Beacon is beautiful because of its river and natural beauty, and because of the small town feel that is vibrant; too many tall bldgs, and apts will change this.... Population density has to be controlled if nature is to benefit everyone
- Make Main Street one way, westbound in the AM, eastbound in the PM. Install a gondola system from the MTA train station up through Main Street to Mount Beacon and on up the mountain.
- More programming to learn and interact with natural world in a eco friendly way, more public info about whose land we are on
- More trees
- More trees along more streets would be great - it's getting hotter.
- Most of the remaining pieces of significant open space are in private hands, so the City needs to work with these owners to ensure that a balance is achieved, where property rights are protected while still allowing the public enjoyment of these spaces.
- My biggest concern is the lack of open/green space in/around Main St. Residents and visitors alike need more places to sit/gather/eat outside.
- My biggest joy is seeing the deer and wild life roaming. If they develop the area behind Highland Meadows, the deer and wild life will be gone.
- Need for bike lanes—biking on Beacon roads is scary!
- Need to focus also on keeping open space clean
- Not enough investment in one space. Hire a APA-certified planner who can identify funding and write proposals, make the parks director a higher paid position, create a dedicated staff to care for parks.
- Not enough room - but there should be a town hall and a Zoom Hall to review answers and have open mic discussions
- On Liberty Street there is an awful smell that comes out of the grates in the street, it would be great to know what that smell of from and think about ways to reduce these bad smells.
- One thing that needs to be prioritized is connecting the open spaces to bike routes or paths, so that they are easy to access.
- "Our streets are essentially barren of trees and many of those that are there, especially between the library and the Lukoil station are dead or dying. Those around the public parking behind Rite Aid are all in various stages of dying. Eliza Street is barren and you just approved condos with one tree showing on their posted plans.
- The East end of Main Street looked like it was going to be made ready for a lovely treescape and instead the whole thing is concrete. Why ask about greenspace when the town sold off that small piece of land outside the train station that looks like it will now be condos or townhomes.
- And where are the street trees from the all those new condos, apartments and townhomes on 9?? Come on! Green this town yo and get the developers to do their part. "
- Overdevelopment is chief concern, particularly on the riverfront.
- Parking is a concern at a lot of the open space areas. The parking areas fill up and then people park in safely.
- Perception that quality of life has declined. New construction is out-of-scale, balance and visual cohesion have been lost.
- Please do not build in our current open spaces/parks and trails.

- Please don't let the open spaces we have succumb to development. I'm also concerned about the water supply with so many new people moving to town.
- Please let us know what options we have to use the open space creatively.
- please prioritize permaculture design principles in choosing plants for open spaces in Beacon
- Pocket parks with open green space on Main St. are needed! Let's stop with the condos and the silly parking complaints already and consider investing more valuable green spaces for our community.
- Preserve and/or purchase vacant lots to create green, open spaces and centers of activity/recreation for children and youth.
- Preserve existing pockets of green space amongst houses; single family and others. These areas are all being developed recently, but they serve an essential purpose in bringing natural awareness, beauty and respite to the city's citizens and provide calming buffers of green space in between the rapid in-filling development of recent years.
- Protecting our waterways and natural area should be our highest concern as a community. Developing more urban agriculture to enhance food security through extreme weather events and seasons would be amazing.
- Rt 9D corridor seems to attract a disproportionate number of visitors by car. Perhaps an outreach campaign could spread these out to sites other than Mt Beacon and Breakneck. Heavy traffic at Long Dock and Dennings Point is possibly unavoidable as limited trails are within walking distance of Beacon.
- Scenic Hudson and Beacon Institute may be able to support educational efforts that engage school groups regularly in learning about the local ecology of their parks and green spaces, and projects like Tree Inventories and mapping.
- Stop letting contractors buy up space for expensive housing. Like on Tironda along water
- stop letting developers build ugly buildings that don't fit the existing architecture. The mix of fake brick and panel siding is disgusting.
- Target for purchase or easements existing open space.
- Thank you
- Thank you CAC and COB!
- Thanks for doing this survey. Green space is so important! Biophilia!!
- The city really ought to take over responsibility of sidewalk maintenance (other than snow removal) to improve their conditions without burdening property owners.
- The city should stop allowing the construction of cheaply built and ugly condos on every square inch of wooded area left
- THE FCGHT IS A CRITICAL ASSET FOR THE COB, AND MUST BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE JUNE 2013 MASTER PLAN AND SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS OF THE COMMITTEE.
- The green spaces are one of my absolute favorite things about living in Beacon. I worry about condos and new construction edging in on the views and public spaces.
- The most important challenges facing Beacon's Park are wildlife habitat restoration and invasive plant control.
- The proposed ease of allowing ADU's in all neighborhoods. This should not be allowed. It limits green space and creates high density.

- The settlement camp has so much potential!!! What is needed to get the buildings up and running for everyone?
- To much building
- Trash cans overflowing and litter everywhere. Beacon has turned to a trash pit.
- Trying to preserve open space while simultaneously pushing through a plan to build a multistory parking garage seems contradictory at best. Preserving open space begins with not encouraging overdevelopment
- Turn the DMV parking lot into a permanent home for the farmers market and a beautiful public space! Add more bike safety/ bike lanes throughout town. Would actually love to see Main Street closed to traffic and pedestrian/bike only!
- Unfortunately open and green space usually goes hand in hand with gentrification and rising housing costs/values which continues to push low income people and people of color out of this town and encourage more transplants from the city and elsewhere. any efforts that go in to greening and public spaces need to be done in relationship to measures that provide affordable housing and that provide rent control otherwise we'll invest public funds into parks that will be enjoyed only by those rich enough to get to live here.
- Unfortunately, developers are making more inroads in Beacon, while preservation of natural areas is at a standstill. What happened to the Fishkill Creek trail? Lots of condos going up, but there should be an equal amount of trails and open space progress.
- want less concrete, more green area, anywhere
- We are fortunate to have so much riverfront access through the parks in Beacon!
- We desperately need bike lanes! It's difficult for me to safely bike to errands in town.
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- We don't need parking for 100s of cars on Main Street, we need LESS CARS ON MAIN STREET. We need more natural areas for people and wildlife.
- We have enough. We bought hindenbrook. Now use it. A lot of wasted acres up on that mountain.
- we have some pretty aggressive invasive plants that are wiping out natives - it would be great to have a native plants programs to support species, especially ones that support pollinators
- We have such a lack of safe walking/bike lanes that connect the different areas of beacon. Washington Ave needs desperately to have a bike lane.
- We need a rail trail!
- We need more programs to educate youth on the importance of open spaces/nature. Kids in the community will feel more welcome if they are introduced at a younger age.
- What happened to the corner of Cross and Main? Why did the pop-up wildflowers get cut down?! My biggest priority would be development of the rail line into a walking/biking trail, with linkage to other trail systems in the area.
- What little green space there is along Main Street should be preserved. I would love to see more pocket parks along Main Street.
- What might be the impact of making Main St a walking street for the weekends? Can we re-route vehicular traffic in a way that's mindful for the immobile and handicapped?
- With all the housing development, I think it's crucial to make sure the open spaces/green spaces/natural landscape of Beacon is preserved and maintained as much as possible.

- work w/ Scenic Hudson to rehabilitate Long Dock Park plantings including invasives removal, trail grading, prep for rising water conditions
- Would love more bike trails and walking areas near the creek.
- Would love to see the area following the creek have trails next to it (Tironda area)
- Would love to see the development of a community garden/ garden plots!
- Would love to see the University Settlement Camp area be more open for all members of the community - on site snowshoe rentals, coffee truck, more maintained paths for walking
- Would love to see the wonderful path along the southwest side of Memorial Park extended across Matteawan Rd onto Wilkes. A handicapped person cannot safely make this transition. Further, the wild gap in Wilkes St between Elm and Willow should be improved for bike, handicap accessibility. Our kids use this path EVERY school day, even when the snow turns to ice.
- Would prefer safe cycling areas
- Would really love to see the old railroad turned into a walking/biking trail

Appendix H. Full List of Existing Open/Green Space Priorities (via Map Survey)

Category Key: P = Park, G = Garden, T = Trail, WB = Walking/Biking Path, Sp = Sportsfield or organized recreation, S = Swimming Area, Con = Conservation Area, Pr = Privately Owned, Oth = Other

Priority Key: H = High, M = Medium, L = Low

Name	Category	Priority	Comment	Coordinates
At Luke's church and cemetery	Pr	H		41.49777707,- 73.96404536
Behind Madame Brett Homestead	Con	H		41.501843,- 73.96716745
cemetery	Oth	H	This cemetery has some nice big trees and is a nice break from yards/homes	41.50826001,- 73.97021355
Cross and main	P	H	This is privately owned by the same people who own half of Main Street. It's one of our last Main Street open spaces and slated for development. Force the owner to sell to city and turn into a playground. Real estate speculation should not dictate our community's health.	41.50832708,- 73.97540988
Dennings Point	Con	H	I enjoy walking the trails out to Dennings Point and value the peace and quiet I find there.	41.49036773,- 73.98558886
Dennings Point	Con	H	A treasure to have in Beacon; please invest in eliminating invasive species from the Park	41.48860417,- 73.98690113
Dennings Point	T	H	Please consider reopening the other half of the Dennings Point trail loop. It was lovely.	41.48886555,- 73.98538545
Dennings Point	T	H		41.48977302,- 73.98550303
Dennings point	Con	H		41.48854741,- 73.98741813
DMV parking lot	Oth	H	Please do not build a large multi-story parking garage in the DMV parking lot!	41.507041,- 73.974111
Fishkill Creek	Con	H		41.48454,- 73.98153
FISHKILL CREEK GREENWAY AND HERITAGE TRAIL	T	H	THIS IS BOTH AN EXISTING AND YET TO BE COMPLETED OPEN SPACE ASSET FOR THE CITY OF BEACON. THE FCGHT IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE	41.49132105,- 73.96949872

			FUTURE BEACON TO HOPEWELL JUNCTION RAIL TRAIL.	
Garden/pocket park on West end of Main St	G	H	I'm not even sure who is responsible for this patch of land, or who maintains the garden.	41.50826548,- 73.97544285
Green st park	P	H		41.49723064,- 73.95889552
Greenery alongside Howland Avenue	Pr	H	In the absence of a sidewalk, walking on the grass is often the only safe way I can walk the 5 minutes from my house down to Bob's or the main my beacon trailhead	41.49445824,- 73.95830543
Greenway trail	WB	H		41.50117901,- 73.96308462
Hiddenbrook	T	H	Lovely spot for a walk, so glad we have it	41.5029398,- 73.95087974
Intersection of high school track and memorial park	P	H	Make this intersection more friendly to strollers and wheelchairs and bicycles. Sidewalks recently updated	41.51050863,- 73.96621028
Judson street remains of spring fed above ground stream	Pr	H	Area used to be pond which was fed from stream off the mountain and from a spring on adjoining property. Spring was destroyed by developer prior to developer submitting subdivision application. House (slab on grade/no basement) sits on top of spring now. Stream piped under new house to north of property.	41.4955431,- 73.95826252
Just south of 52o Main St. Beacon	G	H	My Holistic practice is 520 Main. This is our neighbor. Realtor clear cut trees recently. Would love to see this lot go to garden and life.	41.50308176,- 73.96293873
Madam Brett	T	H		41.48927321,- 73.97386825
Madam Brett	Con	H	I heard every Beacon student visits this site in Elementary, once or twice. Is that all it can be used for?	41.50164237,- 73.96716032
Madam Brett Park	T	H		41.48367556,- 73.91562076
Madam Brett Park/Dennings Point	P	H		41.48912636,- 73.97324933
Pete and Toshi Riverfront Park	P	H	Love this park	41.50827553,- 73.98638995
Pocket Rd. parking area	T	H	Create permit parking near the pocket rd trailhead for beacon residents. We	41.49697767,- 73.94928173

			live here and pay taxes, we should be able to enjoy our trails!	
Pocket Road Hiking Entrance	T	H		41.49690117,-73.94918056
Pocket road trail	T	H		41.50399772,-73.93729274
Pocket road trailhead	Con	H		41.49691724,-73.94912155
Polhill park (and bank square patio)	P	H		41.50823067,-73.97716673
Prison cemetery trail	WB	H	It's nice to find a path tucked away behind the neighborhood. It's a fun route to take and is quieter, more natural than going through neighborhoods	41.51486674,-73.96729609
Riverfront park	P	H		41.50820656,-73.98613603
Space next to kitchen and coffee	Pr	H	I know this lot was sold, but I've always really appreciated it since moving here in 2015. It had the beacon bite and the pie cycle there. Now it's kitchen and coffee space. It's a nice gathering spot for that end of town.	41.50306434,-73.96597119
Stone St. / Fishkill Creek overflow areas	Pr	H		41.50702636,-73.95151614
The Whites/ The Gorge	T	H		41.51429314,-73.94398243
This is too confusing to use. Keep all open space open and clean.	T	H	Educate people to stop being slobs.	41.48710478,-73.98159774
Tioronda Avenue	Oth	H	I know there is planned development along that part of Tioronda/Fishkill creek (song with hopefully a greenway). The views are so spectacular from that stretch, I hope they can be preserved	41.49459485,-73.96842272
Trail linkages	WB	H	I value the way that trails link the waterfront parks	41.49342693,-73.98327099
Train tracks	WB	H	I know this is in the works and has a long timeline, but would love to see this as an option.	41.50450527,-73.96161304

University settlement camp	P	H		41.4899659,- 73.96262915
University settlement camp	Oth	H	Would love to see the area and buildings at the USC conserved & updates to be used for community purposes— love the pool and camp at the camp but potential for so much more!	41.48916222,- 73.96414192
Unnamed trail	T	H	Great trail that could use some TLC to make it a destination.	41.50111635,- 73.96340429
Waterfront	P	H		41.50330128,- 73.98573731
Wee Woods	P	H	Incredible play area - let's have more of these!	41.50808873,- 73.96097328
Wetland area across from 268 Washington Ave, Beacon, NY 12508	Pr	H	Owned by Catholic diocese	41.50681814,- 73.94798562
Wetlands and trails	T	H		41.5067432,- 73.948055
Wetlands off of Washington Ave before cemetery	Pr	H	This is owned by the catholic diocese. The city has cut back trees near the street (between street and wetland) for no obvious reason. I'd like to know this will not be sold or developed and even if it had to be used for some low impact recreation we need to do something to preserve this precious wetland.	41.50677803,- 73.94797356
Wetlands off Washington Ave		H		41.50708794,- 73.9477301
Woods around Craig House	Pr	H		41.48639752,- 73.97181304
		H		41.50801754,- 73.95224066
	Pr	H		41.50874406,- 73.95180408
Bird blind	Con	M	People don't know the bird blind is here... not sure that should change!	41.48945524,- 73.98217111
Cemetery	WB	M	Since there's no sidewalk on Dupyster, this is a great throughfare to get from one street to the other.	41.50030023,- 73.95447524
cemetery	Oth	M	Nice open area on the corner of Verplanck	41.50835004,- 73.9702282

Fishkill creek waterfront	Oth	M	This area could be improved with only a little work	41.5040849,- 73.96142922
Long Dock	P	M	Great park	41.50347681,- 73.98611636
Madam Brett Park	T	M	this area should be developed into a nicer visitor area	41.48898385,- 73.97422747
Pete and Toshi Seeger Park	P	M		41.50818948,- 73.98679598
polhill park	P	M		41.50814,- 73.97742
South Ave Park	P	M		41.5026,- 73.97815
The little benches in front of the Mount Beacon parking lot	Oth	M	The little benches in front of the parking lot are a great place to sit and wait for the bus or to meet someone, but they need serious upkeep.	41.49383109,- 73.95991195
The old bridge down by fishkill creek by the Lofts	Pr	M		41.5125932,- 73.94857438
The Ramps	Sp	M	It's cool that we have a skate park	41.50991251,- 73.96376641
vacant lot with trees	Pr	M	nice spot across from the cemetery	41.50877318,- 73.97041238
Vfw	Pr	M		41.50317683,- 73.96699579
Violet Court Pond	Con	M	The pond supports lots of wild life as well as water coming off the mountain.	41.50462132,- 73.94890116

Appendix I. Full list of Future or Potential Open/Green Space Priorities (via Map Survey)

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3D Printed Village (3d concrete printed rentals)	Oth	H	3D printing is the future of sustainable, ecological, and more profitable construction. University Settlement Camp can attract many people, host the River Guild/Farmer's Market, and provide short term rentals which can double as city-owned emergency shelter in the winter	41.48804124,- 73.96399478
amphibian heaven	Con	H	wetland along road with no walking area	41.50669929,- 73.94838984
Bike lane	WB	H		41.51139614,- 73.94390733
Blue Grass Lane and Mountain Lane Connector	T	H	Is Blue Grass Lane private? The area comes so close to Mountain Lane it seems like a natural connection place for people on foot or possibly on bikes.	41.50242316,- 73.93776934
City hall park	P	H	Put a playground here, earthen amphitheater steps, and plant it densely with native trees.	41.5089638,- 73.97794993
Community Gardens for Fruit and Vegetables	G	H		41.48899756,- 73.97339805
Community Gardens That are Leased so we can raise funds for conservation and Green Initiatives	G	H	There might be no better way to engage the community and be self sufficient and sustainable - not to mention the environmental assets that it brings.	41.48939799,- 73.97386434
Creek behind JVF elementary school	T	H		41.50520583,- 73.95463592
Creekside Park - land betwn the railroad tracks & the Fishkill Creek above the Roundhouse waterfall	P	H	This is currently private property. The lower section near the dam/waterfall is owned by the Roundhouse and is an undeveloped natural area with a walking path and benches. The area upstream from this is the former Beacon Lumber, and is private property behind a chain link fence. This land is in a flood zone and may be be developable for housing, but would be a beautiful place for recreation, very close to Main Street. It would also be at the meeting place for the Greenway and Future Rail Trails.	41.50447849,- 73.96092327
Green walking path connecting traon to main st	WB	H		41.50512316,- 73.98122922

Lawn at municipal hall	P	H	Excessive parking, laid out in a space-hogging way, with a mowed grass lawn that has no habitat value and that nobody is invited to go on. Such a waste of space! Could be an entry point for tourists coming up from the train, too. Nice that there's art, but it's kind of lost. Seems like a high-potential area, here.	41.50880512,- 73.97793026
Lot next to kitchen and coffee	Pr	H	This is one of two remaining green spaces on Main Street. It should NOT be developed. Do not let developers dictate the future of our community. A little park and playground here would be amazing for local businesses.	41.5029408,- 73.96597253
Main St. DMV lot at S. Elm St.	P	H	This area is in a central area of town, near shopping, churches and county services. Additionally it is in important need of evaluation for storm water and heat mitigation. It is under used as a parking lot and uncomfortable as a gathering spot in its current iteration.	41.50640731,- 73.97442102
monell place to the river	Con	H	With the increased development along Wolcott, many of our higher sunset views are now obscured. The city-owned parcel at the end of Monell Place seems well-situated for a sunset view sitting area/park and a trail running east connecting the hill down to the river.	41.51691701,- 73.98212918
Move the dmv	P	H	Having a dmv in the center of the city makes no sense. And the parking lot is underutilized.	41.50383771,- 73.97533746
Old Lumber Yard behind Talix	P	H	It's all flood plane. Developer can't do anything with it.	41.50501025,- 73.96011275
Pocket road trailhead	P	H	The large area around the water tanks should be improved and have a kids play space.	41.49716635,- 73.94943269
Potential pollinator gardens	Con	H	Why are there so many giant swaths of mowed grass here and elsewhere in town? Right here at the school, this could be a STEM lab.	41.51364831,- 73.96248431
rail trail	WB	H	rail trail connecting madame brett to main street/glenham	41.4997928,- 73.96590463
Rail trail	WB	H		41.50275097,- 73.96268269
Shea Lane to Settlement Camp	WB	H	If Shea Lane continued along in a trail or path, it would lead directly onto the Park at University Settlement Camp. This would allow residents from neighborhoods north east of 9D and the creek the ability to walk or bike to the Camp, relieving traffic en route to the Camp and connecting this hidden gem for the children and youth in Beacon.	41.49565199,- 73.95316652
Tioranda bridge	WB	H	Will make madame brett more accessible	41.48885692,- 73.97343984
Turn Beacon into a green and open	WB	H	Main Street is dangerous and unpleasant for walkers and bicyclists, especially on the weekends. We	41.50331005,- 73.96685991

street (at least on weekends)			should create a plan to find alternate parking and driving areas to allow Main St to have more outdoor seating and recreational space	
underutilized space near Beacon PD	G	H	This space doesn't seem to be utilized for anything useful. It would be nice to make it a garden space for residents and visitors. Even better would be to reduce/eliminate the footprint of the parking area. Beacon is such a small place, it seems silly that officers need so many vehicles anyway.	41.50834,- 73.97766
Undeveloped wetland in Judson Street	G	H	Wetland would make a beautiful community garden/park with natural pond	41.49562346,- 73.9583859
Used to be a nice spot	P	H	Really bummed that this pollinator garden got mowed and the rest got enclosed/privatized.	41.5083182,- 73.97552742
Wetlands with lots of amphibians	Con	H		41.50671492,- 73.94838943
Wilkes Avenue unofficial path	WB	H	This lot is used as an unformal path/cut-through so residents can walk continuously along Wilkes to access schools, Memorial Park, etc.	41.51189805,- 73.96948153
Bike lanes/green space along Tioronda Ave	WB	M	all of this area along Tioronda and the rail line seems unused. Why not make walking and biking paths along it?	41.4951215,- 73.96821091
Bridge St Lot	T	M	A lot with various trucks, signs and construction material sitting to rot.	41.51262453,- 73.94962342
Bridge St Park	WB	M	A great creek side space that can be preserved for local residents. There is also an adjacent lot with various trucks, signs and construction material sitting to rot.	41.5124934,- 73.9485927
empty lot	P	M		41.50569378,- 73.96937055
empty lot	P	M	It was great when there was a food truck here. Perhaps it could become a food truck village with tables and therefor a community gathering space also	41.50294928,- 73.96601281
Empty Lot across the falls	Pr	M	This lot was growing wild and was recently chopped down. This is a great space to remain open and green for a mini park or a community space/garden on the east end of Main.	41.50305815,- 73.96291761
Parking/Gathering area near Pocket Road entrance to Mt Beacon	T	M	It would be great if we could convert the currently-unused space near Pocket Rd into a parking/gathering area for hikers, especially now that the private residences or the city has bluntly blocked off the few existing parking spots that existed on Pocket Rd itself by placing large concrete blocks in front of them	41.49702907,- 73.94932709

Possible bike/ped route from verplanck (or similar) to Newburgh bridge?	WB	M		41.51241645,- 73.97638352
River front	P	M	Nc	41.50372,- 73.98625
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Stone St Preserve	Pr	L	A creek runs along Stone St on the east side of Beacon. I have spotted lots of wild life that connects to the Violet Court Pond to Hidden Brooke and the mountain. I believe the land is privately owned but worth recognition.	41.50725109,- 73.95195617
Wooden moose art	Pr	L	This site hosts a beautiful wooden moose sculpture in a congested west end of main. A great place to offer an open space for tourists and locals as the enjoy the west end.	41.50846371,- 73.97595567
Shea lane	Pr	H	41.49639491,- 73.95181449	