

Conservation and Recreation Issues Identified in Marion Planning Documents and Public Surveys, 1974-1995

Water-Based Conservation and Protection	1974 MP	1974 Svy	1986 LWV	1989 LUP	1989 Svy	1989 OSP	1989 Svy	1995 OSP	1995 Svy	I	R
1. Install town-sponsored harbor pumpout facilities	X		X	X						Y	3
2. Increase harbor protection			X							?	1
3. Increase level of service for shellfish program			X							Y	1
4. Protect the Sippican R. as scenic waterway				X		X				N	2
5. Protect Marion's single well (land aqu., zoning, health regs.)				X		X	X			Y*	3
6. Require environmental assessments where development may significantly impact environment				X						Y	1
7. Enact and enforce strong Sanitary Code/septic system regs.				X		X				Y	2
8. Prepare harbor plan to explore overuse of inner harbor						X				N	1
9. Prepare management plan to improve water quality of coves (Planting Is., Blankenship & Hammett's Coves)						X				N	1
10. Reduce pollution and pollution potential of water (pinpoint contamination, reduce stormwater poll., ID & protect critical areas)						X				N	1
11. Address pollution from: boats, septic, road runoff									X	--	

KEY:

- MP Master Plan
- SVY Survey
- LWV League of Women
Voters Survey
- LUP Land Use Plan
- OSP Open Space Plan
- I Implemented?
- R Number of Recurrences

* Yes, but weak

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1. Develop new small boat basin to reduce inner harbor congestion	X													N	1
2. Town should purchase land to increase public access to shores (swimming/boating)	X					X								Y	2
3. Improve boat launching ramps		X												N	1
4. Improve harbor facilities		X		X										Y	2
5. Improve beaches				X										Y	1
6. Increase # of moorings for residents				X										N	1
7. Further acquisition and consolidation of Aucoot Cove						X								Y	1
8. Improve peak season parking situation (reduce parking pressure) for beach/wharf areas (shuttle van, new/existing parking)							X		X					?	2
9. Implement town-wide sailing program									X					Y	1
10. Publicize smaller, less well known neighborhood beaches												X		--	
11. Increase amount of quiet seashore													X	--	

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1. "Recommend against" extensive public improvements along inner harbor to reduce potential negative impact on surrounding neighborhoods	X									?	1
2. Establish restriction on development in wetlands/wet areas	X		X			X				N	3
3. Evaluate need for local wetlands regulations				X						?	1
4. Emphasize acquiring land through gifts/CR instead of through public purchase	X						X			N	2
5. More public open space		X	X						X	Y	3
6. Limit development & control future growth		X								N	1
7. Control/limit/prohibit building in flood hazard/high velocity wave zones		X	X	X		X		X	X	N	6
8. Tax break for CR on private land		X								N	1
9. Establish a historic area		X	X			X		X		N	4
10. Require planted buffer for business along Rt. 6		X	X	X				X	X	N	5
11. No cluster development		X								N	1
12. Require some open space be included in future development plans (residential/commercial/industrial)			X			X		X	X	N	4
13. Implement land banking program/open space commission			X	X		X	X			N	4
14. Require large buffer area for coastal development				X						N	1
15. Encourage cluster development				X		X		X		Y	3
16. Encourage ag. and forest conservation programs				X		X				N	2
17. Increase land protected by public and private CR & easements				X			X	X		N	3
18. Preserve visual access to saltwater areas				X		X				N	2
19. Designate scenic roadways				X		X				N	2
20. Protect and conserve Aucoot Cove and surrounding parcels						X					
21. Acquire salt marsh and other shoreline parcels (inc. Planting Is. Causeway, Oakdale Beach area, Dexter's Beach area) for protection or to improve water access							X			Y	1
22. Encourage greenbelting in future developments						X				N	1
23. Regularly review execution of open space acquisition/management goals & objectives						X				N	1
24. Land preservation through zoning							X	X		Y	2
25. Preserve 24% of Marion as perm. protected open space (CRs)								X		--	
26. Maintain specialized bird and/or wildlife habitat (env. sensitive areas)								X	X	--	
27. Expand wetland protection									X	--	

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1. Acquire suitable sites for recreational use	X									N	1
2. Improve/enlarge facilities at Washburn Park	X			X		X				N	3
3. Improve facilities at Sippican School	X									Y	1
4. Improve facilities at Holmes Wood	X									N	1
5. Develop bike paths (walkways) (esp. along Rt. 6)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	N	8
6. Develop nature/hiking trails	X	X	X	X			X			N	5
7. Improve skating areas (esp. Washburn Park)		X						X	X	N	3
8. Improve neighborhood playgrounds		X								N	1
9. Improve tennis courts		X	X					X	X	N	5
10. Improve sidewalks		X	X						X	N	3
11. Develop teen/community center			X			X	X			N	3
12. Link current open space areas (green belt, Sippican Trail)				X		X				N	2
13. Build soccer fields at Washburn Park						X				N	1
14. Resolve management issues at Washburn Park								X		N	
15. Improve existing facilities (Point Rd. playground, basketball court @ Silvershell, etc.)								X	X	--	
16. Encourage neighborhood pocket parks in new developments								X		--	