

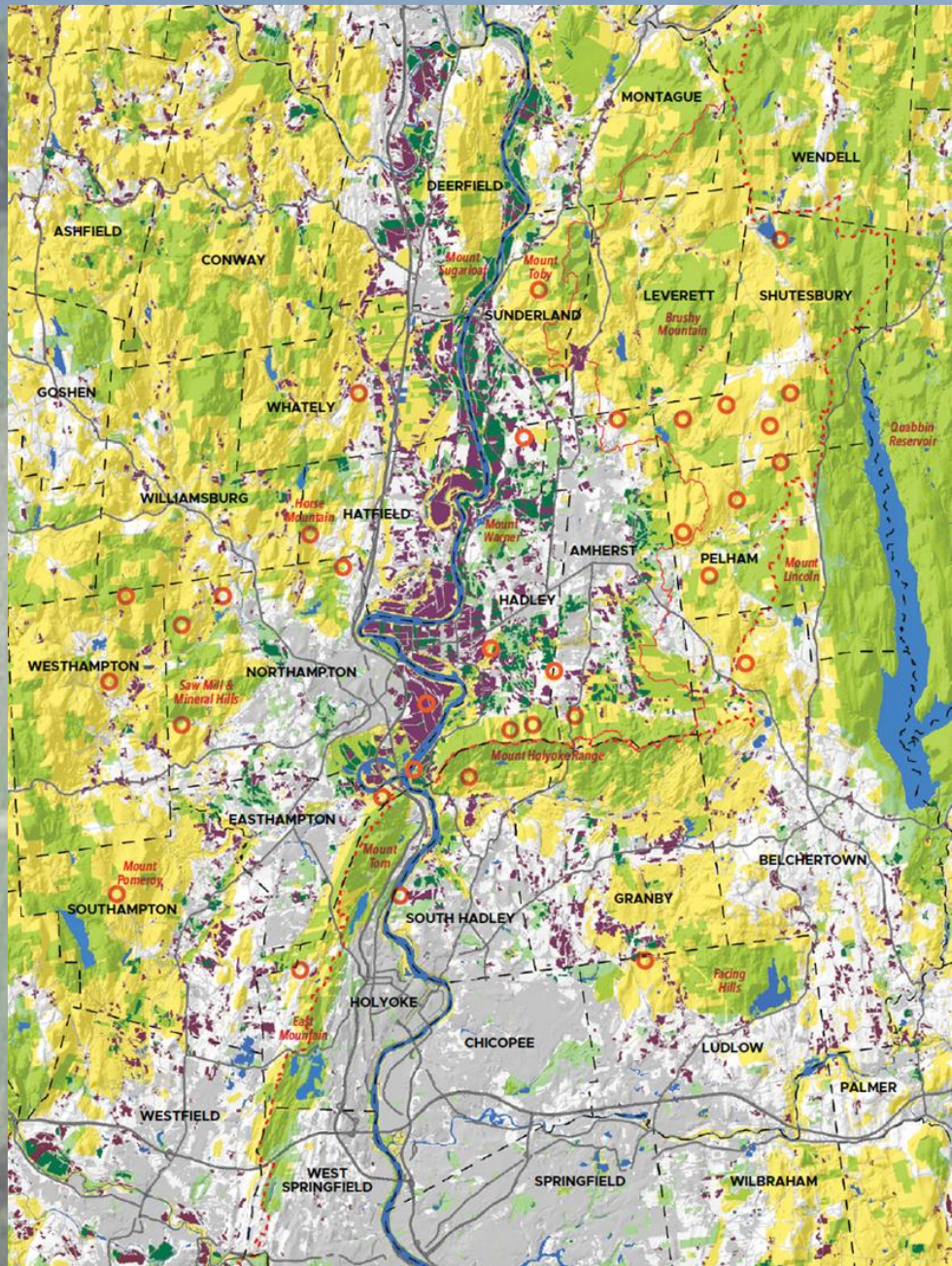
LAND ACCESS: BRIDGES & BARRIERS

Mark Wamsley
Conservation Director





Kestrel Land Trust conserves and cares for forests, farms, and riverways in the Connecticut River Valley of Western Massachusetts, while nurturing an enduring love of the land.



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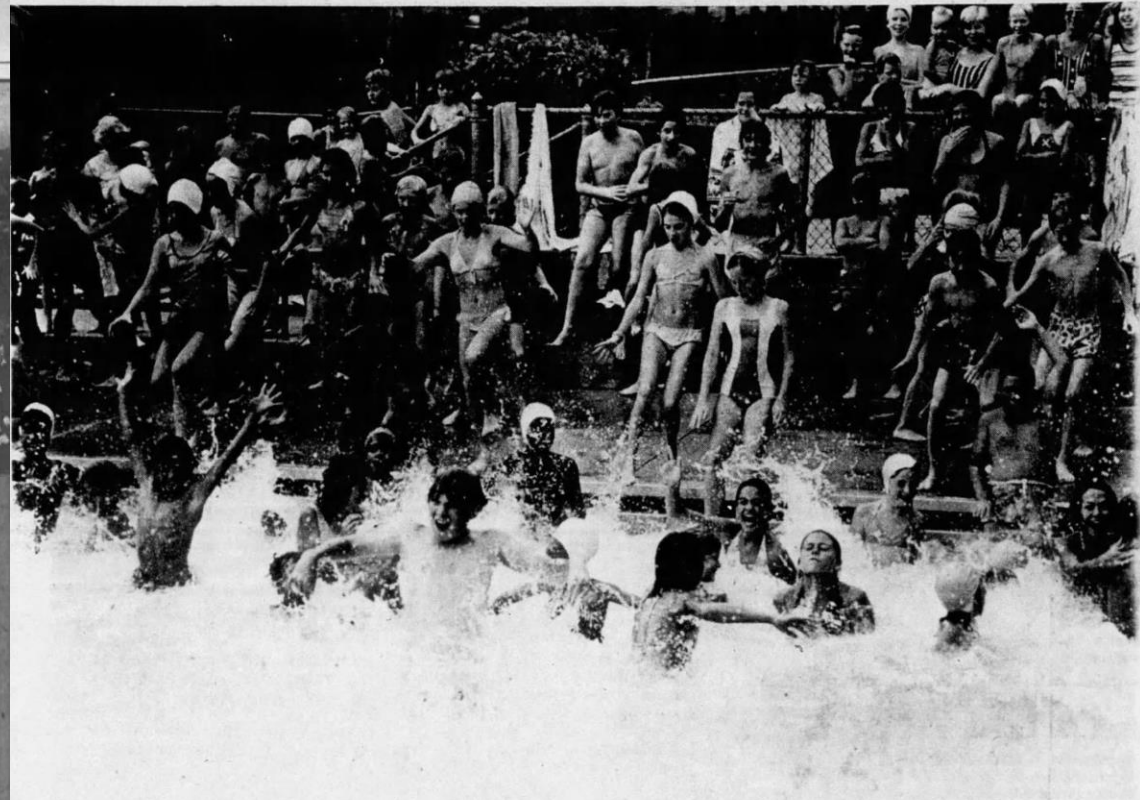
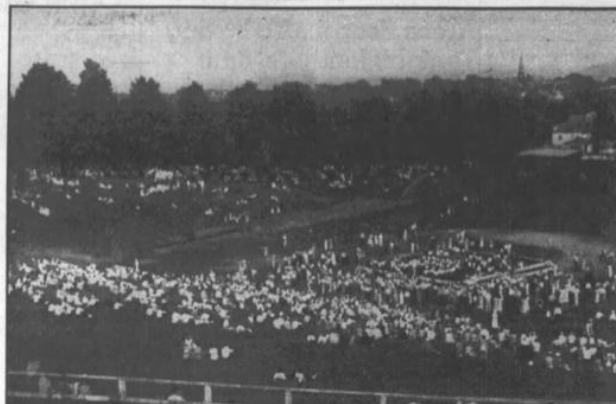
Anniversary Hill Park Holyoke, MA:

Environmental Justice/Land Access





Six Thousand Enjoy Sunday Concert By Nine Bands



KID STUFF — Chmura State Pool was apparently jammed Friday with kids, kids and more kids whose activity made the water at the popular state pool look like the grand rapids. A few of the older folks in the crowd were consigned to the

background by youngsters hamming it up for the Transcript-Telegram camera. Chmura State Pool is located just up the mountain road from the newly renovated Community Field. (T-T Photo: Sears)

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COL. SCOTT GIVES FINE PARK GIFT

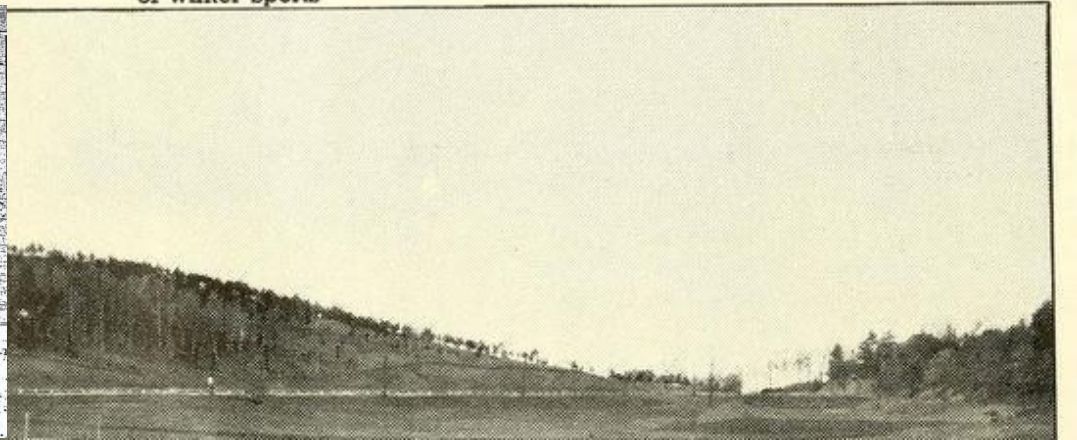
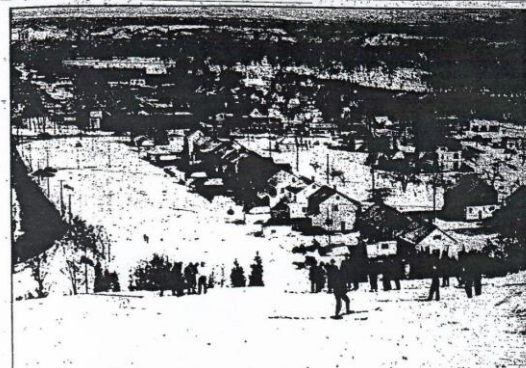
Marks Holyoke's Golden Anniversary by Gift of Property to Unite Anniversary Hill With Community Field.

Col. Scott in recognition of the courtesy extended to him and his adoption as one of its citizens and also on account of the interest of his daughter Mrs. Russell W. Magna in the presentation of Crafts Tavern, will give to Holyoke "the connecting link between the Crafts lot and the Community Field on the hill top. Col. Scott learned from Mayor Cronin and Chairman Sinclair of the Park Board that with the purchase of the so-called Bray property on the Hill, the connection could be made. The Community Field they are to de-

Now Col. Scott's gift assures to the city a great park reaching from the Easthampton Road across the hill top to Cherry street. Col. Scott makes the gift "as a golden anniversary presentation in recognition of the fact that while 27 languages are spoken in Holyoke, that during the celebration all languages, and all religious bodies, and all political parties, united in one language which should be called Holyoke." Aside from the gifts of parks by the

Anniversary Park, Holyoke, where WPA projects have prepared for a wide variety of winter sports

Anniversary Hill A Skiing And Scenic Spot



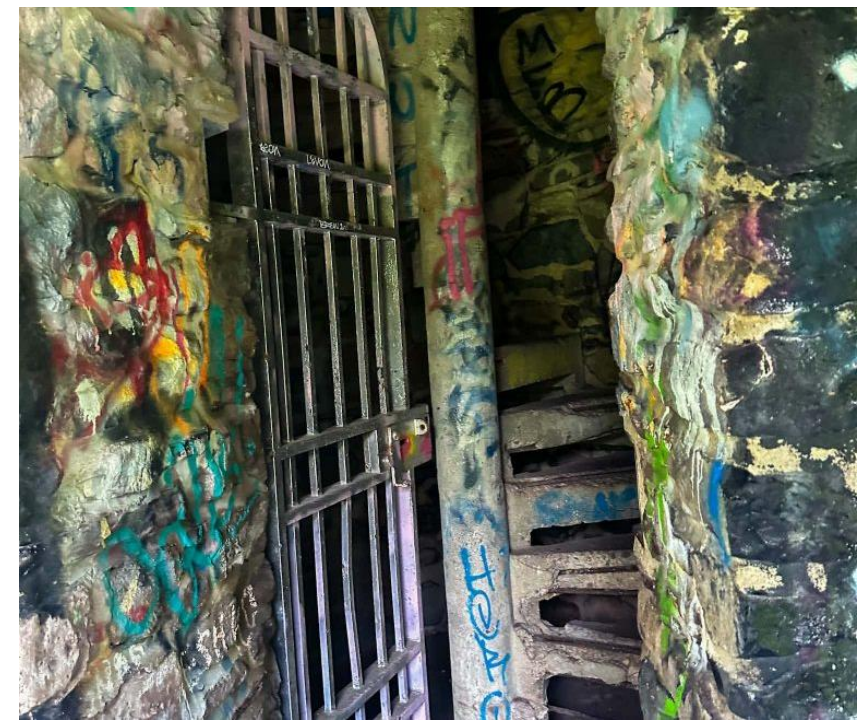


Scraping Off Much Of Hill For Route 91

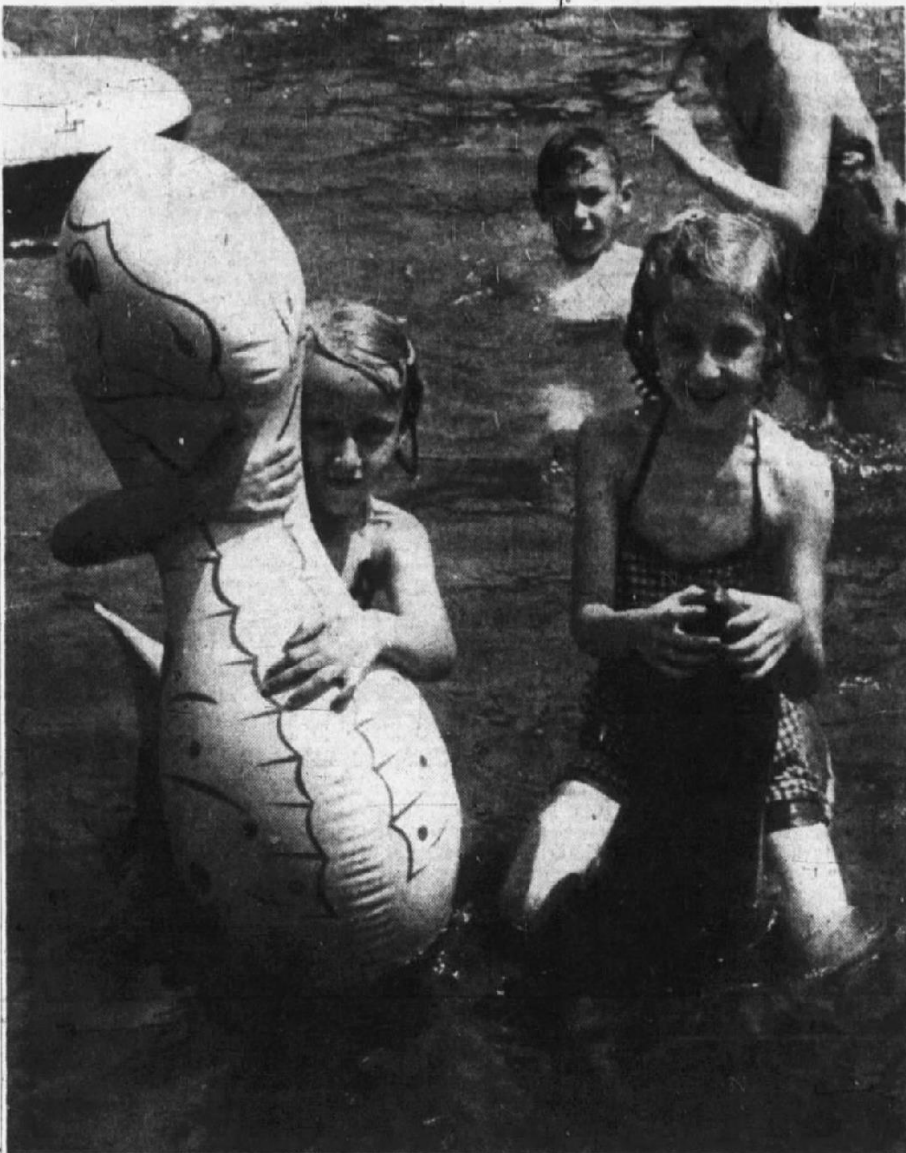
IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN . . . And this term could be used in a lot of ways when it comes to the steady eating away at the east side of Anniversary Hill, the huge preparation job for Interstate Highway 91. Road scrapers, pay-loaders, graders and Euclids have been going up and down Anniversary Hill from Community Field like droves of ants carting away earth for other sections of the

road. There are sections of the Anniversary Hill cut which will go to the depth of 78 feet, a tremendous slice out of the side of the hill. The eventual road level will not be reached for some time. This picture was taken from Community Field looking north, and the top of the hill in the distance is just opposite the intersection of Northampton and Dwight Sts.



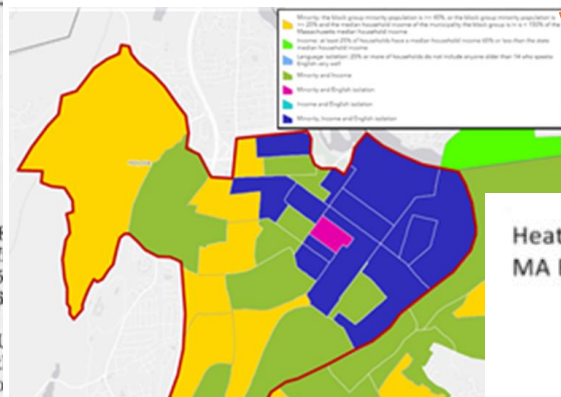


Beating The Heat In Community Field Pool

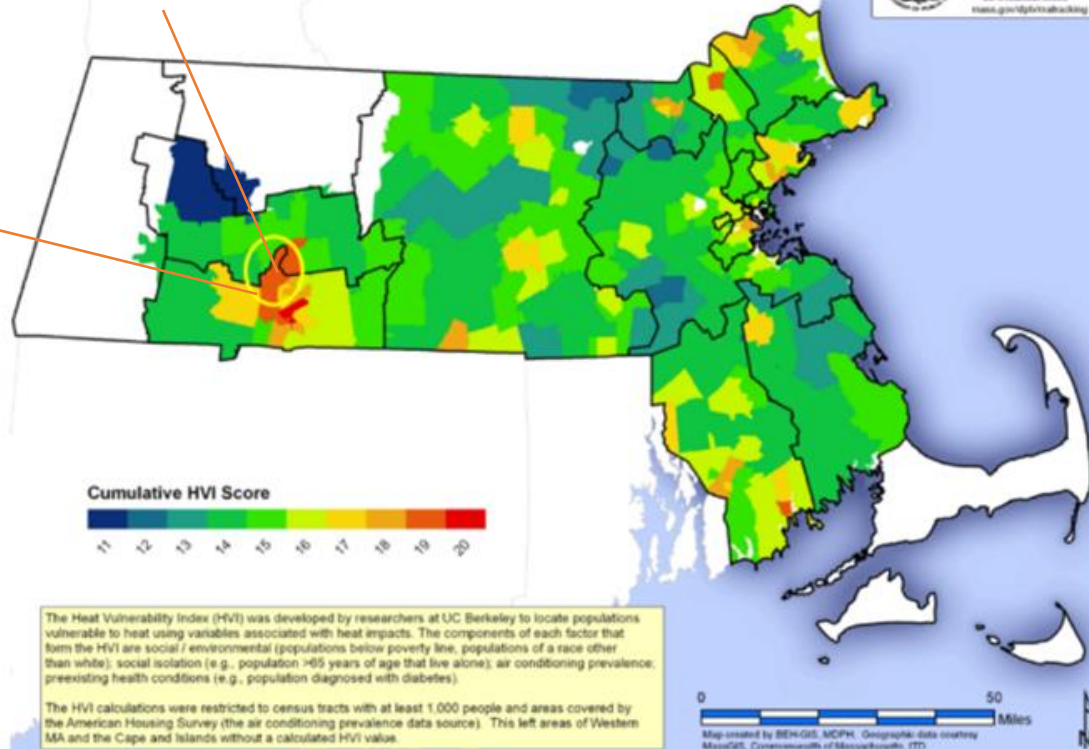


THE WATER SURE LOOKS GOOD—Joanne Fuczak, left, and Janine Faille had the right idea for beating the hot weather yesterday by taking a dip in Community Field wading pool. When the temperature soared to 93 at 2:30 p. m. Joanne and her sea horse and Janine and her seal romped in cooling water. An unidentified swimmer in the background had an equally good time.

Anniversary Hill Park Holyoke, MA: Environmental Justice/Land Access



Heat Vulnerability Index by Zip Code & MA Emergency Preparedness Regional Coalition Boundaries





estará disponible desde el estacionamiento de Community Field.

restauración de la ciudad para Anniversary Hill Park y Scott Tower

¿Preguntas? Llame a la Oficina de Conservación y Sostenibilidad al 413-322-5615

SCOTT TOWER CLEANUP AND RESTORATION UPDATE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH 2023

9 AM - 11:30 AM
SCOTT TOWER CLEANUP

Join the Friends of Scott Tower group to clean up and beautify the area. Driving access to Scott Tower will be available from the Community Field parking lot.

1 PM - 2 PM
RESTORATION UPDATE

Meet at the Community Field picnic pavillion for an update on the city's restoration plans for Anniversary Hill Park and Scott Tower

Questions? Call the Office of Conservation & Sustainability





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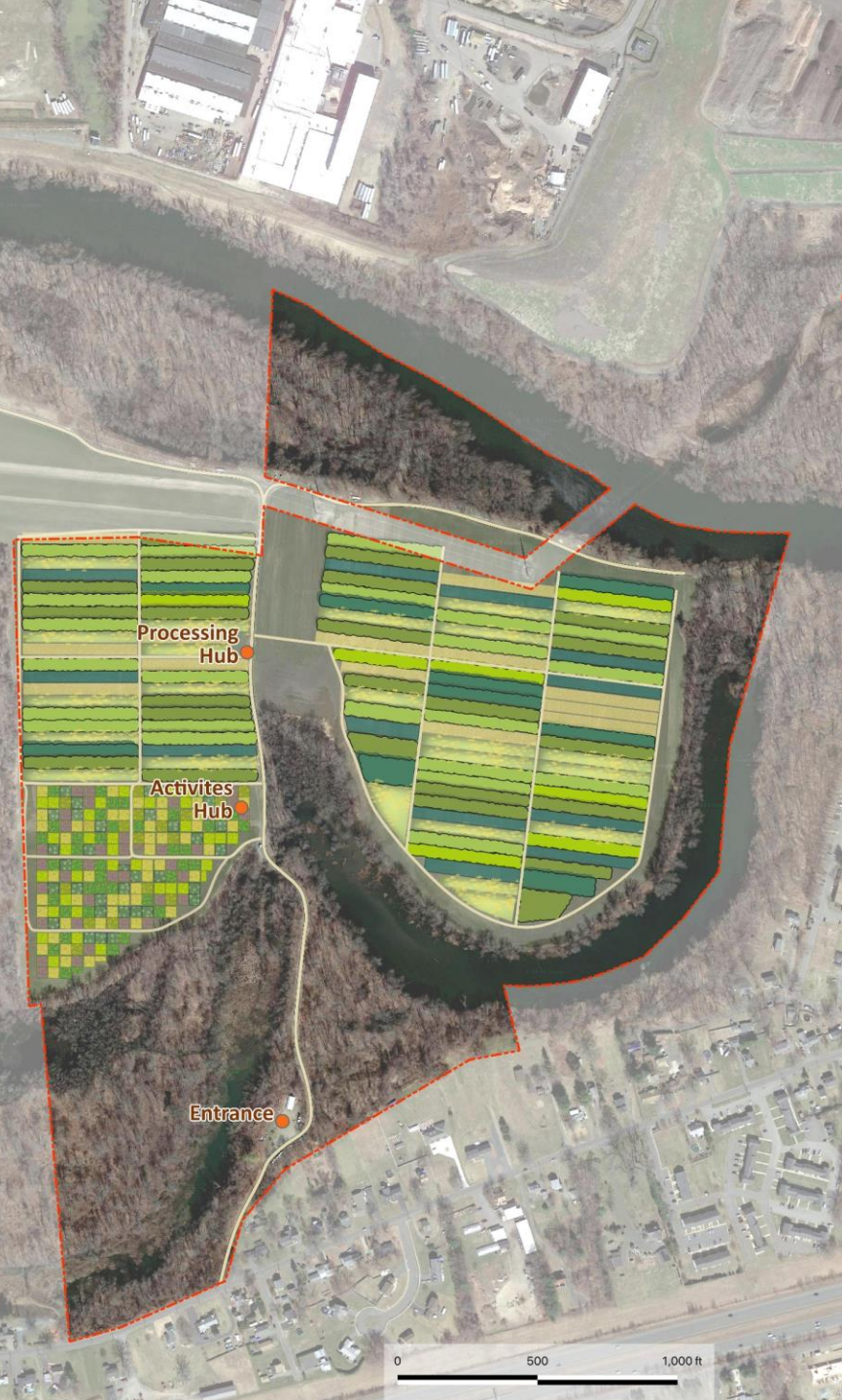
BARRIERS TO ACCESS:

- Physical/Infrastructure
- Financial
- Human Resources
- Negative Associations/Perception

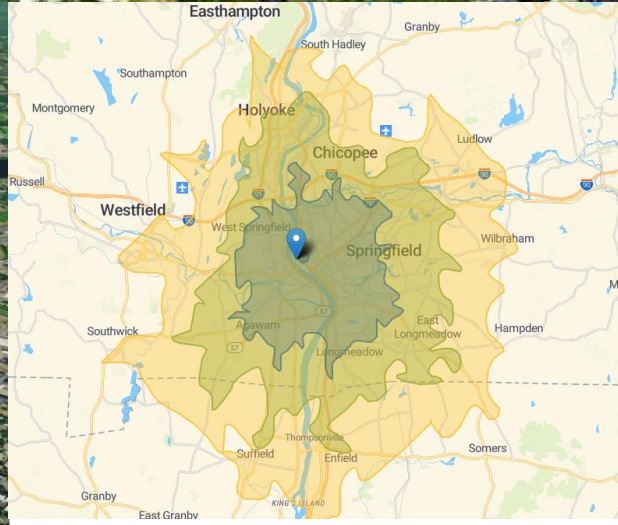
REMAINING BARRIERS:

- Broad, Meaningful Community Engagement
- Continuing Momentum

Amherst, Agawam, Northampton, and West Springfield, MA: Food Security/Land Access



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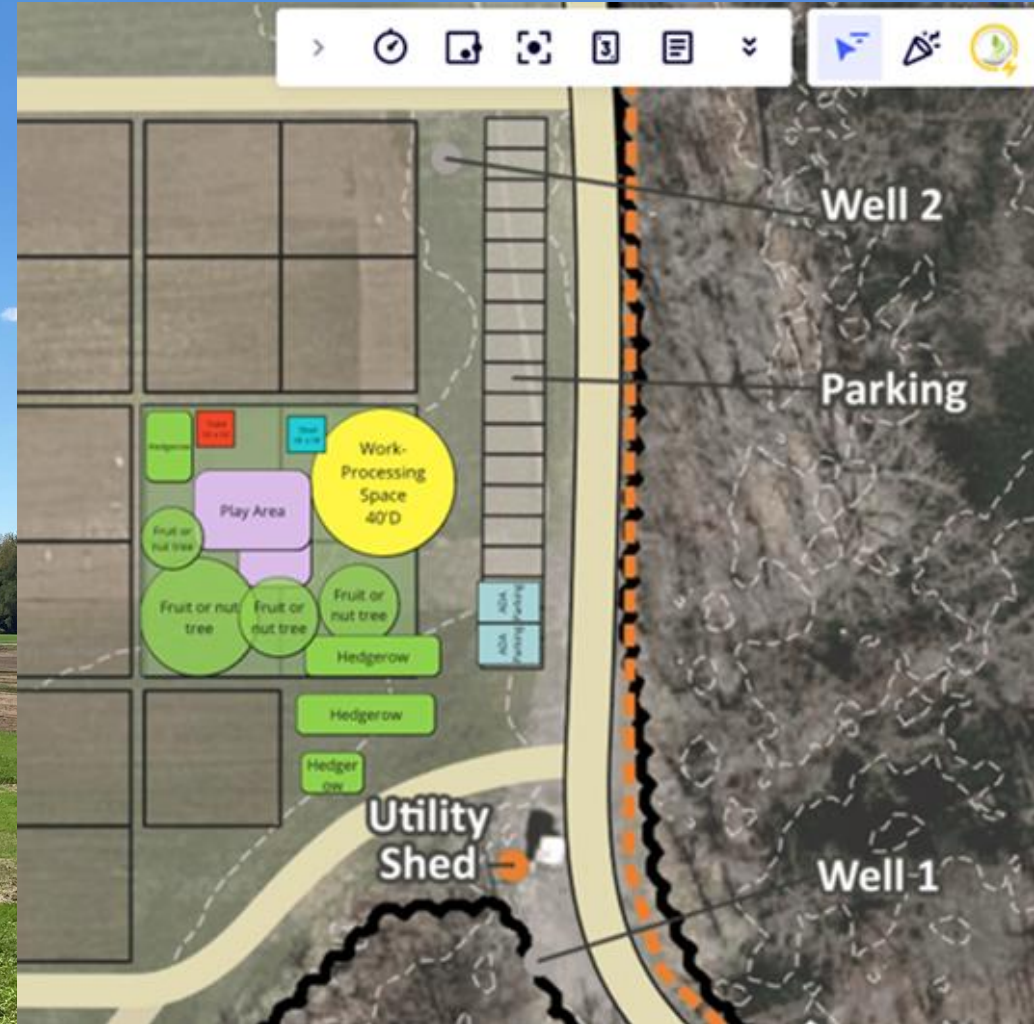


Amherst, Agawam, Northampton, and West Springfield, MA: Food Security/Land Access

Conserving farmland for disenfranchised communities brings us one step closer to our vision: a food system that reflects the diverse communities of our region in leadership, ownership, and priorities.

community farm will feed an estimated 2,000 low-income, low-access families the fresh produce they need in order to stay healthy and maintain their cultural food traditions. The farm is the last of its kind—no other land this large and this high quality remains in the Springfield area. By securing this land we can create a future of food and cultural economy for some of our most marginalized neighbors and change the trajectory of local food in Hampden County.

Stay involved at www.allfarmers.world



Amherst, Agawam, Northampton, and West Springfield, MA:
Food Security/Land Access

BARRIERS TO ACCESS:

- Cost, Proximity, and Availability of Suitable Land
- Unfamiliarity with System
- Lack of Broad Social Connections
- Racism and Xenophobia

REMAINING BARRIERS:

- Establishing new community relationships
- New groups, long tenure
- New uses, people, and rules for a quasi-public space

Easthampton, MA:
Land Access/Affordable Housing



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A Growing Idea...

Hudson Valley Affordable Housing & Conservation Strategy

An Innovative Collaboration of Land Trusts and Affordable Housing Organizations Conserving Critical Landscapes and Responding to the Region's Housing Crisis



Building Collaboration among Community Land Trusts Providing Affordable Housing and Conservation Land Trusts Protecting Land for Ecological Value

Working Paper WP23KM1

Katie Michels
David A. Hindin

THE **COMMUNITY**
BUILDERS



Breaking Ground

AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE FOR LAND TRUSTS

Raffaele Sindoni, Colin Custer
Yale School of the Environment

Forrest King-Cortes
Land Trust Alliance



Conservation-Based Affordable Housing



*Improving the Nature
of Affordable Housing
to Protect Place and People*



THE CONSERVATION FUND
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Why Growing Green: Easthampton?



City of Easthampton Housing Production Plan 2021 – 2026

Approved by Easthampton City
Council and Planning Board
February 17, 2021

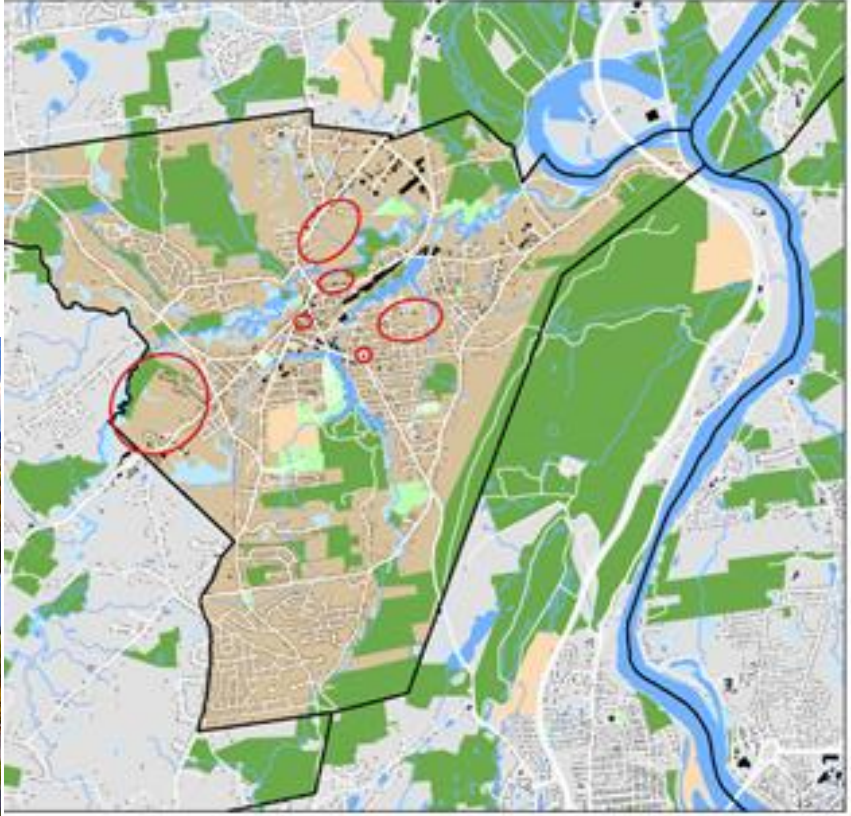


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Landscape Architecture and Planning

This project was funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Energy and
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*“Lands of natural resource, scenic, and recreation value are protected and well
stewarded, and are connected with each other and with neighborhoods.”*
~ 2021 Easthampton Open Space & Recreation Plan Goal #4



Map 3.1. Sites Suitable for Comprehensive Permits or Zoning Strategies to Create
Affordable or Mixed-Income Housing

385 Main Street (Fedor Property)

1. Main Street Site

This potential housing site is comprised of two properties totaling 50.9 acres at 385 Main Street (Mass. Rt. 10) close to Easthampton's southern border with Southhampton. The first property, owned by Robert C. Fedor, has approximately 430 feet of frontage on Main Street and totals 14.5 acres. The second, owned by the Charles Edward Realty Trust and totaling 36.4 acres, would be accessed from an unbuilt cul-de-sac that follows the northern border of the Fedor property and has its own parcel. For the purpose of this exercise both properties are considered a single site (fig.1).



The site is one of the last open farm fields along Main Street, is surrounded by a mix of residential, commercial and light industrial uses that have developed haphazardly over time (source: MassDOT Pictometry).

Main Street Site Parcels

Lot Number	Address	Area	Zoning	Owner
154-32	11 Fedor Dr.	36.4 acres	R-35	Charles Edward Realty Trust
154-32-1	385 Main St.	14.5 acres	R-35	Robert C. Fedor
		50.9 acres		





Greening Easthampton - BioMap

June 2023



- BioMap Core Habitat
- BioMap Critical Natural Landscapes

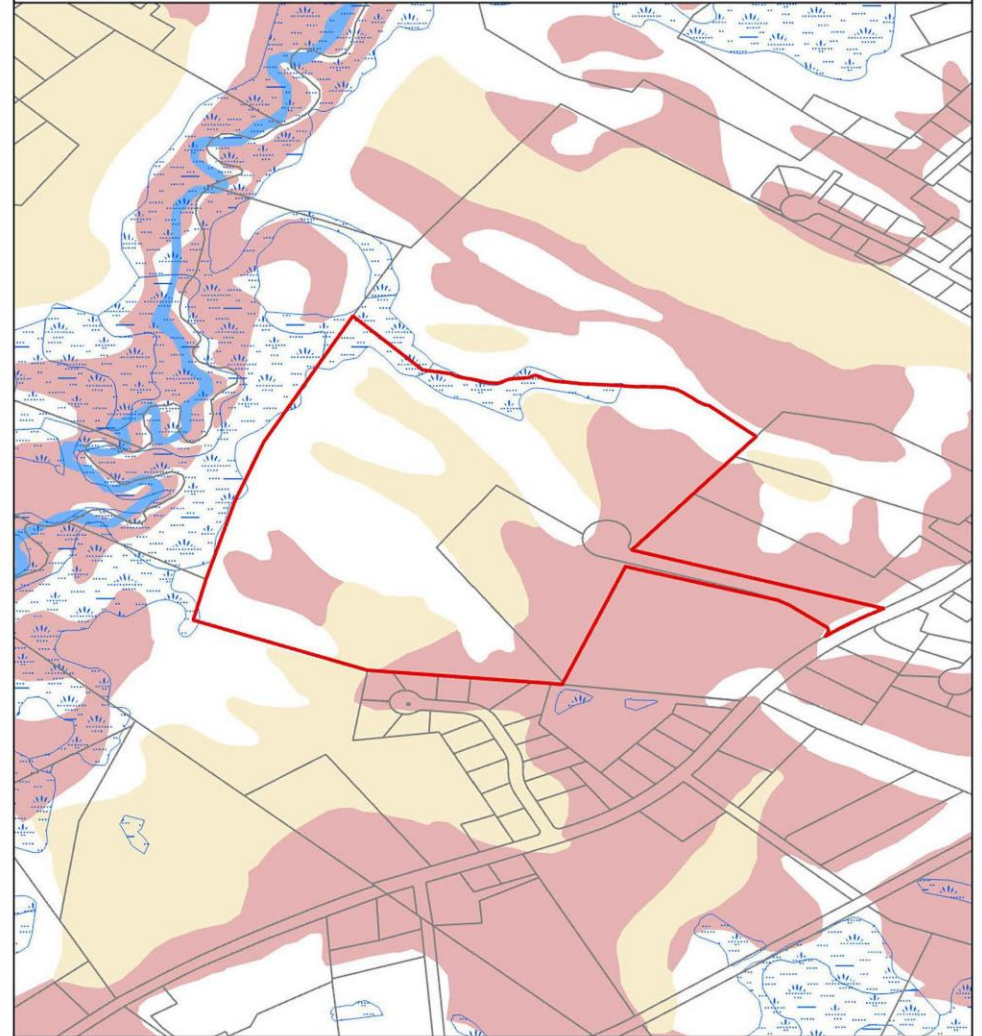
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Growing Green - Farmland soils & Wetlands

June 2023



- Prime farmland soils
- Farmland of statewide importance soils
- Wetlands

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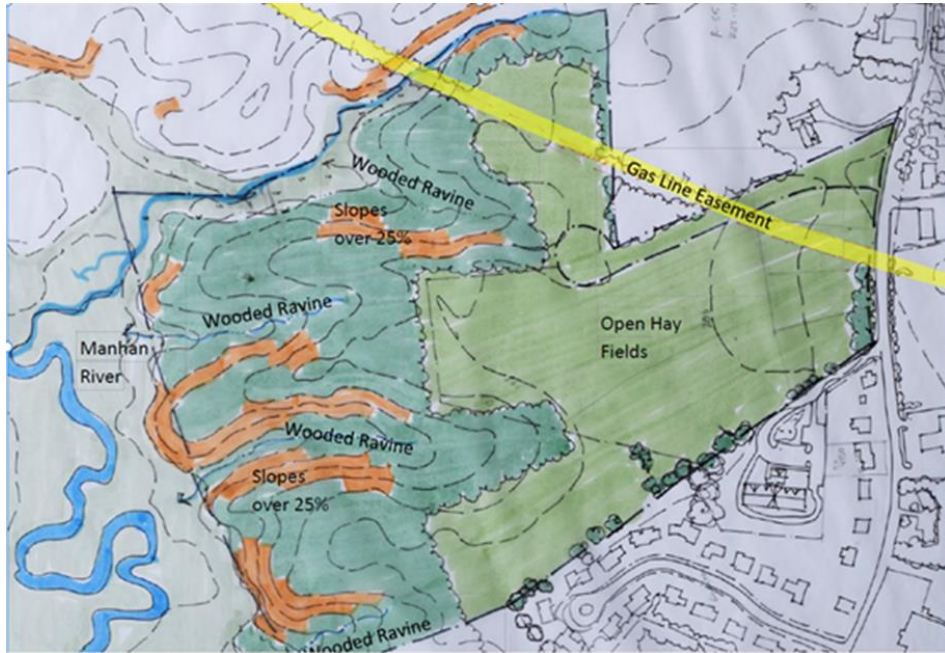


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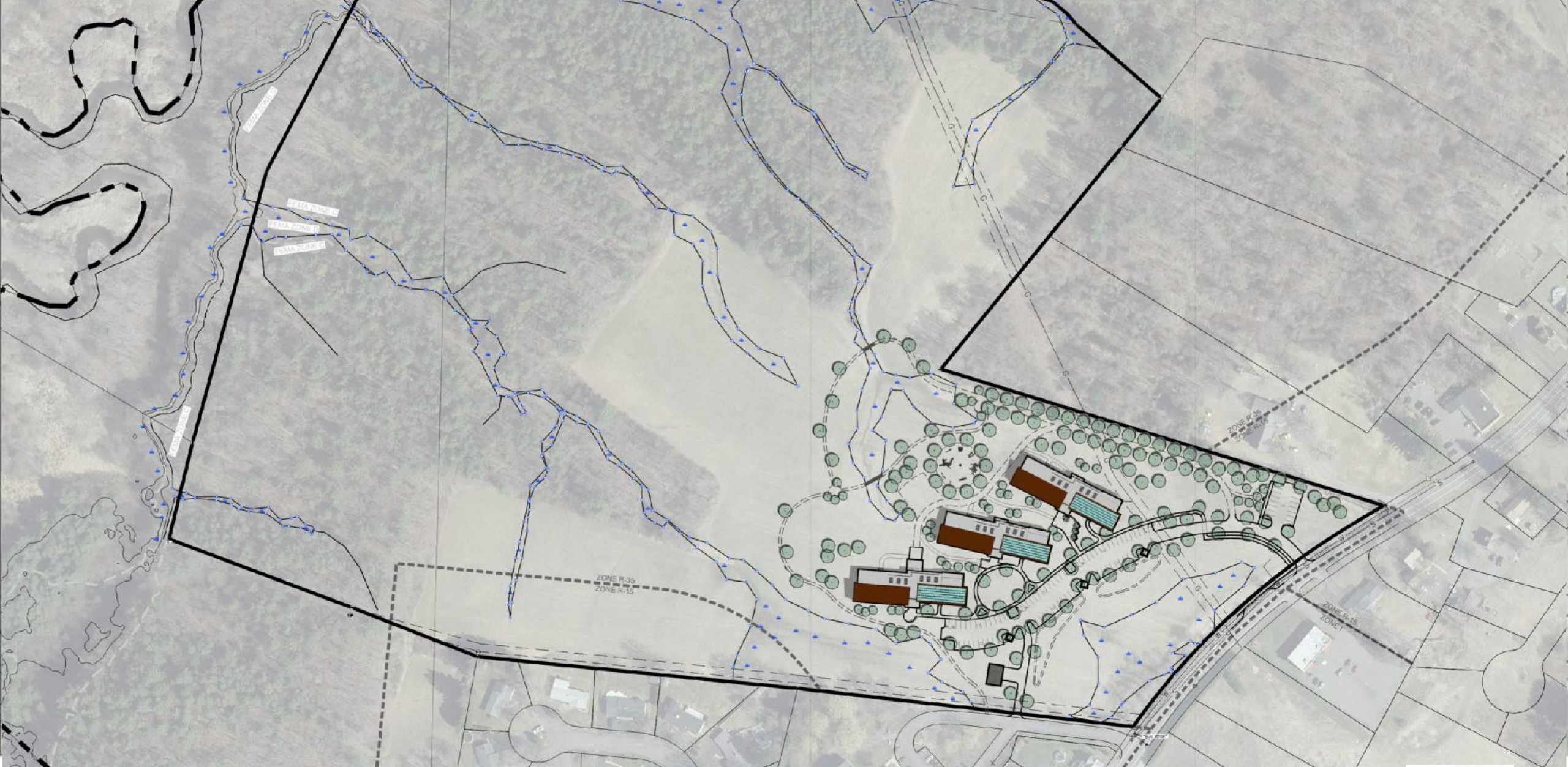
Manhan River Corridor



Development pressures on critical open space







385 MAIN STREET

SITE PLAN

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS



Community Connections



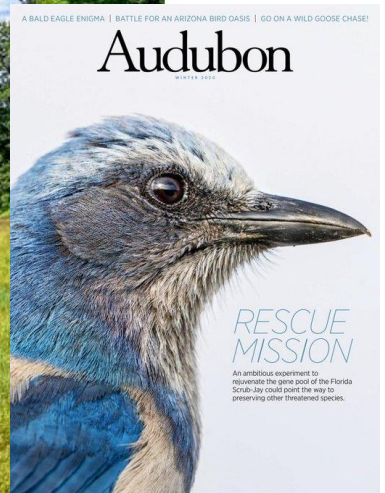
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Pairing conservation, housing: Kestrel, partners say 53-acre river parcel in Easthampton addresses needs



An open field is part of a 53-acre plot of land that may become a multi-purpose housing and conservation area. —Submitted photo



THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS



Easthampton, MA:

Land Access/Affordable Housing

BARRIERS TO ACCESS:

- Cost, Proximity, and Availability of Suitable Land
- Perception of Binary, Conflicting Land Uses
- Adversarial History of Advocates
- Trust of New Partners and Learning New Processes
- NIMBY

REMAINING BARRIERS:

- Broad, Meaningful Community Engagement
- We're Preparing for the Unexpected!



LESSONS LEARNED

- Answer the question: “Why are we doing the work?”
- Prepare to spend significant time and effort.
- Create respectful space for honest, internal discussions.
- Be comfortable traveling an unclear path & expect the unexpected.
- Be thoughtful about how to handle disagreements.

