



Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District

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Melissa Cryan
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Division of Conservation Services
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RE: Town of Middleborough, Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ms. Cryan:

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District's (SRPEDD) planning staff has recently completed a review of the Town of Middleborough's update of their Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The plan is consistent with SRPEDD's regional goals and objectives and in general compliance with DCS's Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements. The plan also reflects the time, effort and research put into it by the Town's officials, volunteers, and planning staff. The Seven Year Action Plan accurately reflects community needs and issues of concern. The town's planning and conservation staff continue to work diligently with partners such as the Wildlands Trust, Mass Audubon, The Taunton River Stewardship Council, and The Nature Conservancy to: promote long-range planning for growth and conservation; promote responsible conservation and land use planning, including forestry management, water resource protection, and agricultural retention, and; protect and preserve the cultural/historical/archaeological resources so important to the town, the region, and the Commonwealth as a whole.

SRPEDD recommends and supports the certification of the Middleborough Open Space and Recreation Plan. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Bill Napolitano

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Environmental Program Director