



TOWN OF HULL

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

Community Forum

September 30, 2019





Tonight's Agenda

■ Presentation

- Introduction to the Hull Open Space and Recreation Plan and planning process
- Overview of demographic and land use trends
- Prominent Parks and open spaces in Hull

■ Open House Stations

- **Station 1:** Review Draft Goals
- **Station 2:** Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats
- **Station 3:** Identify Hull's Scenic & Unique Features



Introduction

- What is “open space?”
- Why complete an OSRP?



What is “open space?”

- Often refers to conservation land, forested land, recreation land, agricultural land, corridor parks and amenities such as small parks or green buffers along roadways



- The term can also refer to vacant or undeveloped lands with conservation or recreation potential

Open space varies by ownership, level of protection, and use

Types of Recreation

- Open spaces can be utilized for either passive or active recreation
- In general, passive recreation requires minimal facilities/development and is often less costly and has less of an environmental impact
 - Examples: **walking, hiking, and fishing**
- Active recreation involves structured activities which require specialized parkland development and management
 - Examples: **playgrounds, sports/ball fields, swimming pools**

Why complete an OSRP?

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- An Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) provides information about the community, its environmental and recreational resources, and what residents want to achieve in the **next 7 years**
- OSRPs help encourage community protection and stewardship of these vital resources
- Completion of an OSRP makes municipalities **eligible to apply for State grants** through the EOEEA to acquire and improve land for conservation and recreation



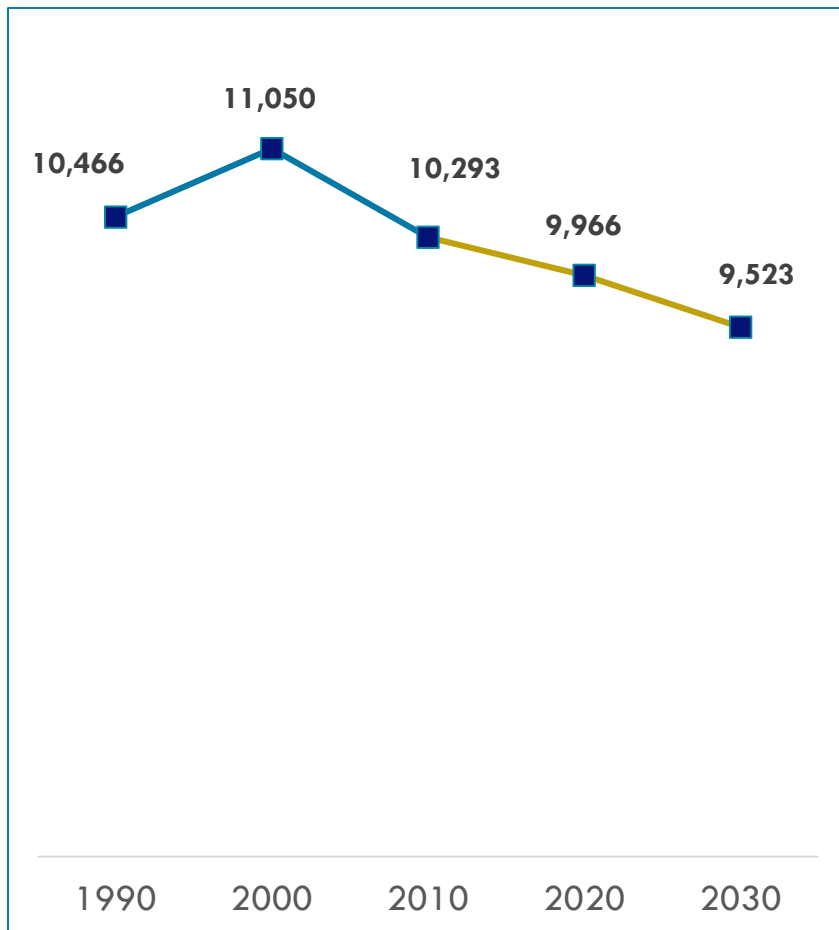
Data Trends

- Population
- Land Use



Population

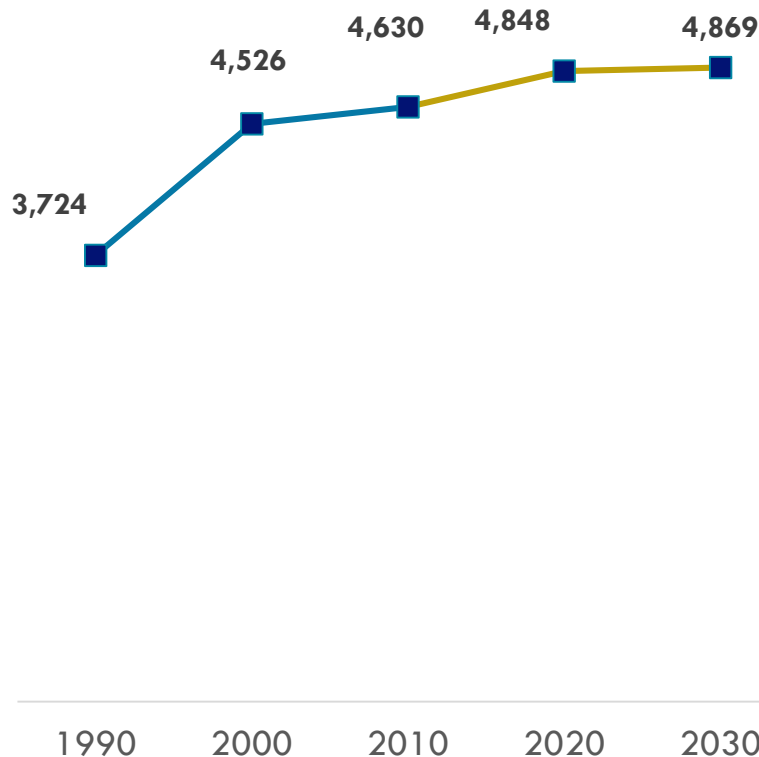
Population and Projections



- Total population increased between 1990-2000 but decreased between 2000-2010
- MAPC projects a **7.4%** decrease in population between 2010 and 2030

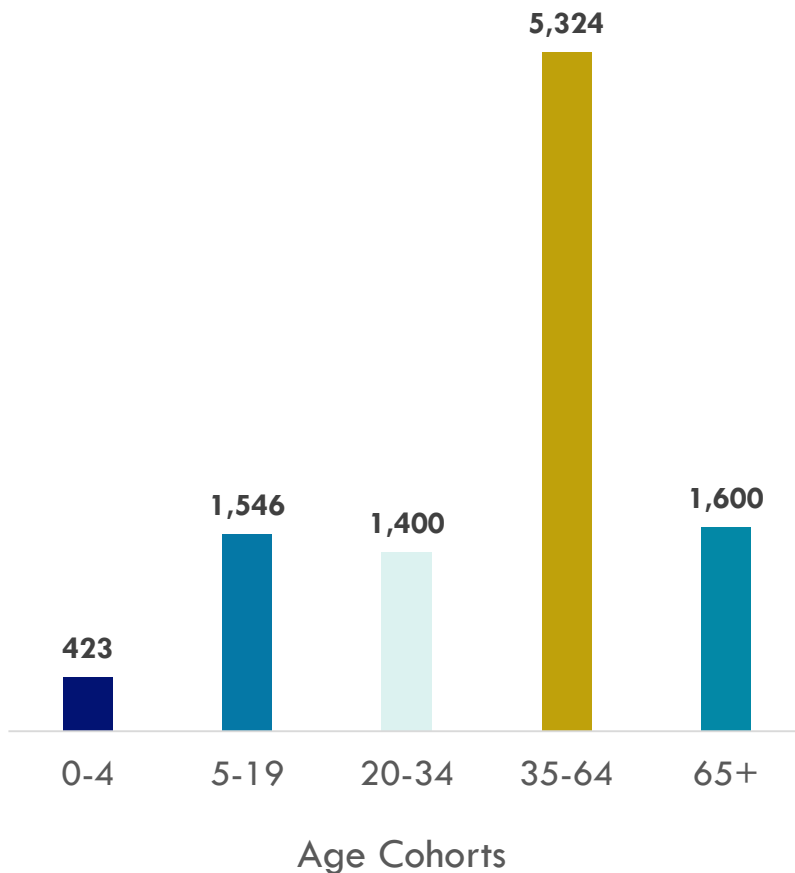
Households

Population and Projections



- *“A household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit.”*
- Household numbers increased by **24%** between 1990 and 2010
- As of 2010, about **35%** of Hull households consisted of someone living alone.
- MAPC projects a **5%** increase in households between 2010 and 2030

Age Cohorts



- A significant portion of the population is between the ages of 35 and 64
- As of 2010, about **40%** of people living alone were over 65
- Different user bases use recreations spaces with variable frequency and for a range of activities.

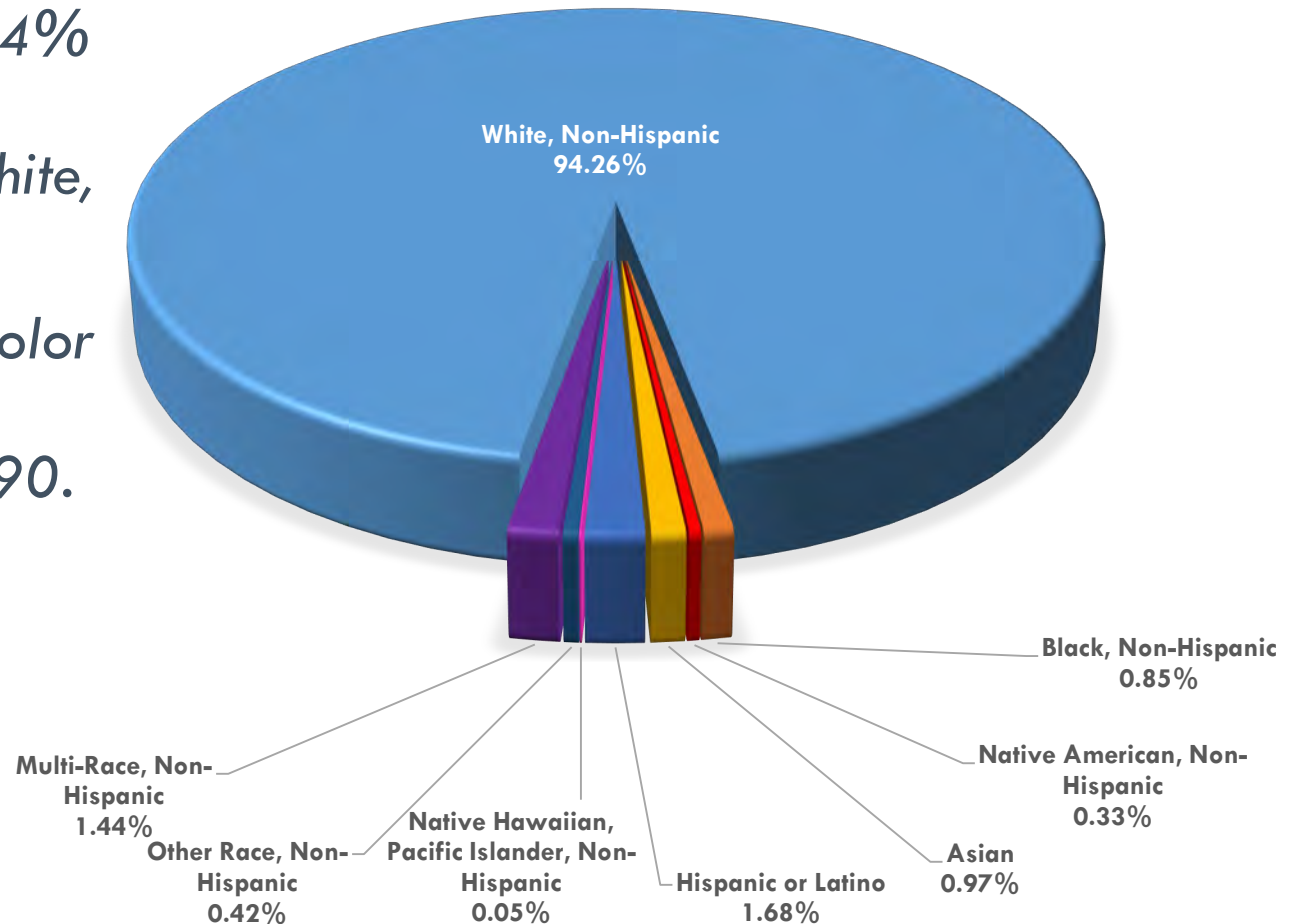
Age Cohorts

- *Example: Facilities required by a large youth sports organization differ from those enabling individual passive recreation activities pursued by older residents.*



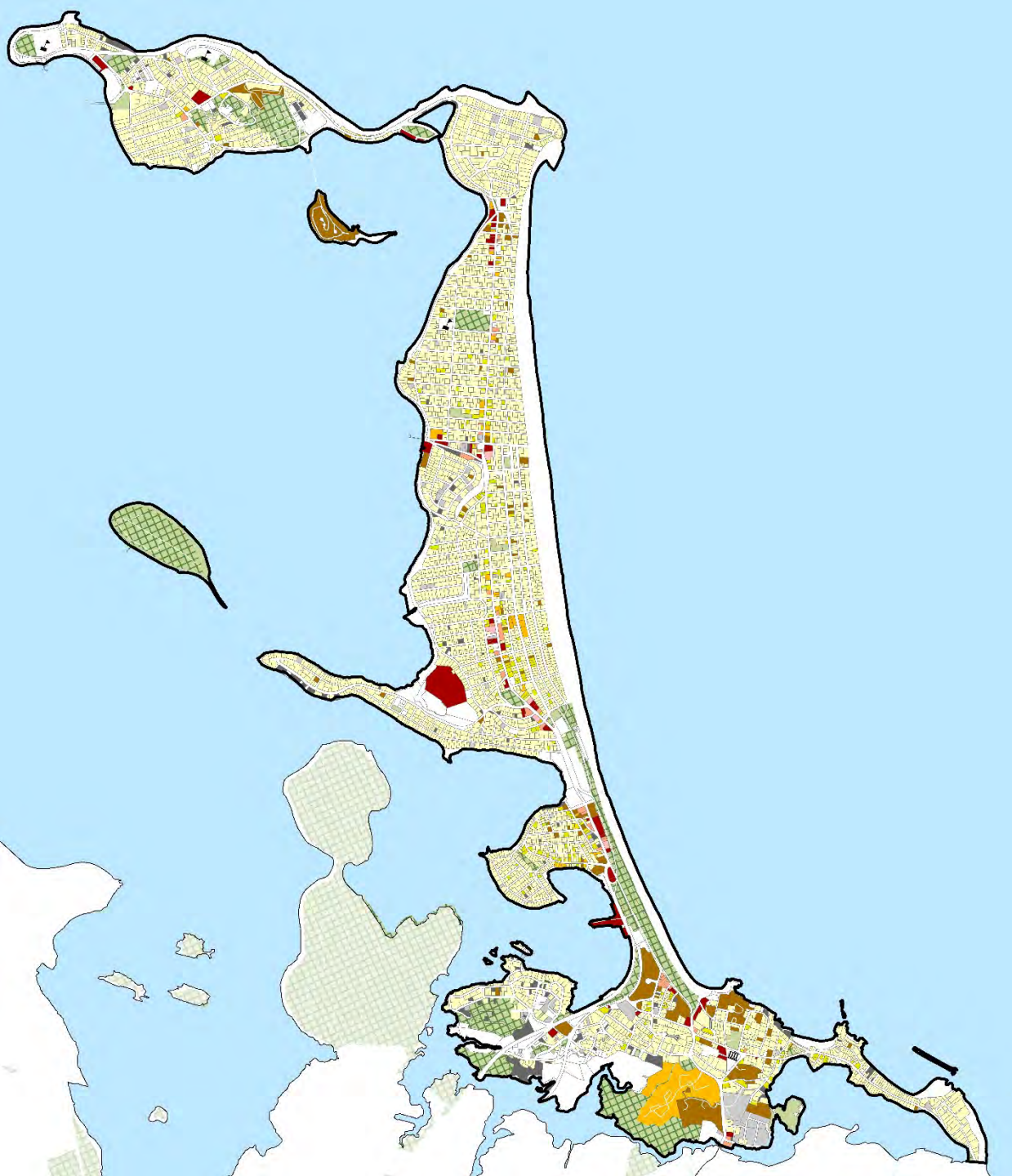
Race & Ethnicity

- Although over 94% of the town's population is White, Non-Hispanic
- Populations of color have increased slightly since 1990.



- A majority of Hull's land is comprised of residential development

Property Type	Acres	% Total
Residential	834.21	42.48%
Commercial	57.81	2.94%
Industrial	0	0%
Mixed Use	8.15	0.41%
Exempt	579.01	29.48%
Vacant/Other	484.33	24.67%
Total	1963.52	100%

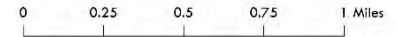


Land Use

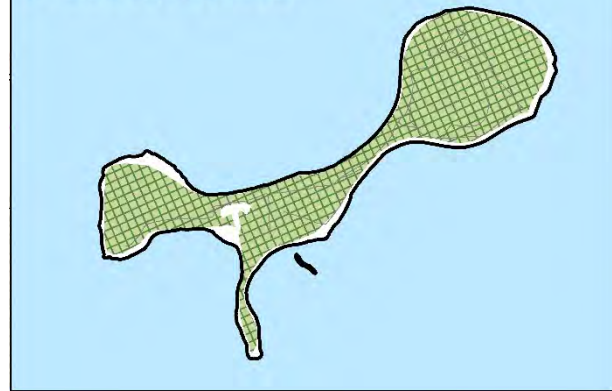
Land Use (By Parcel Tax Classification)

Single Family	Office
Two/Three Family	Industrial
Multifamily	Chapter 61B Land
Other Residential	Exempt
Mixed Use	Vacant - Developable
Commercial/Retail	Vacant - Undevelopable

Town Halls	T Stations
Schools	Commuter Rail Line
Open Space	



Peddocks Island





Open Space

- Inventory
- Prominent parks and open spaces



Inventory

Ownership	Acres	% Total
Municipal	57.58	15.94%
Private	28.94	8.01%
State	271.21	75.10%
Land Trust/Conservation Org.	3.08	0.85%
Other/Unknown	0.29	0.08%
Total	361.11	100%

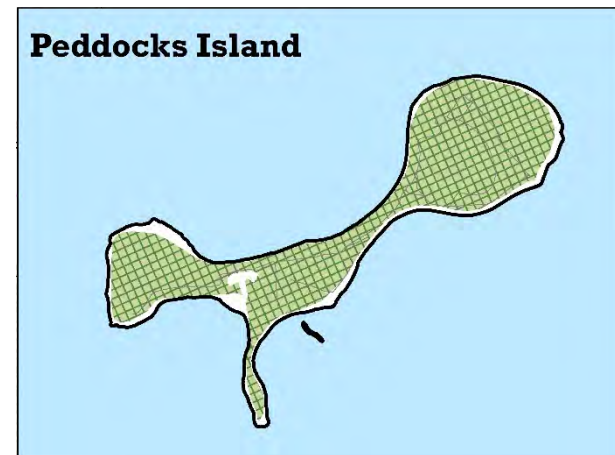
Level of Protection	Acres	% Total
Protected	335.72	92.96%
Limited Protection	24.13	6.68%
None/Unknown	1.25	0.34%
Total	361.11	100%

- The majority of open space in Hull is State owned
- Land specifically acquired for conservation and recreation purposes are considered protected by “Article 97” of the State Constitution
- Lands purchased for general municipal purposes are not protected by Article 97, but are considered to have limited protection due to their public ownership

Open Space



Peddock's Island



Nantasket Beach

State & Town Owned

Use: Recreation



- Nantasket Beach measures roughly 39.4 acres
- Nantasket Beach recreational facilities include a pavilion, playground, bathhouse and restrooms.

Fort Revere Park

State & Town Owned

Use: Historical/Recreational



- The park includes a water tower with observation deck, a military history museum, and picnic area
- Approximately 8 acres of historical and recreational land situated on Telegraph Hill

Kenberma Playground

Town Owned

Use: Recreational



- Includes a playground, tennis court, basketball court and play field
- Approximately 1.9 acres

Memorial Middle School Athletic Fields

Town Owned

Use: Recreational



- Includes a basketball court, tennis courts, and softball fields
- Approximately 6.2 acres




Open House

■ Goals:

- Help prioritize the OSRP's goals
- Tell us your thoughts on the goals and suggest edits

Goal 1: Hull should beautify its entry points and main roadways with landscaping and other improvements to enhance the image of the Town, welcome visitors, and link its districts.

Priority		
Use a sticky dot to prioritize the Open Space & Recreation Plan's goals.		
Low	Medium	High
		
<p>Are there changes or edits you would recommend for this goal?</p>		

■ SWOT Analysis:

- Share input on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT Analysis) associated with Hull's open space and recreation facilities



STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<p>Example: Hull's Natural Scene Beauty</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Example: Recreation trails not marked, no consistent biking and trail network</p> <p>W</p>
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<p>Example: Potential to increase outdoor events at Inlet-Revere Park</p> <p>O</p>	<p>Example: Hampton Hills Playground (Joseph McLaughlin Park) floods during heavy rain events</p> <p>T</p>

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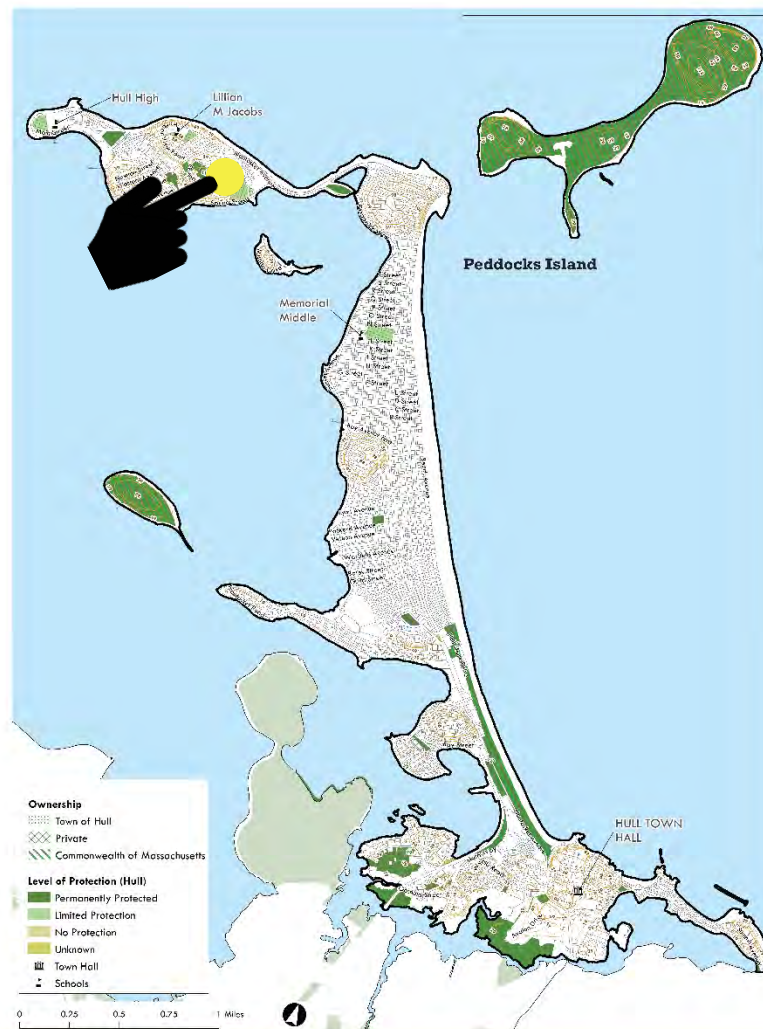
■ Open Space Map

- Mark Likes/dislikes for active and passive recreation sites on the Open Space Inventory Map



■ Scenic & Unique Features:

- Help us identify scenic and unique places/features in Hull



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What are Areas of Scenic Importance or Unique Environments/ Features in Hull?

Directions:

Step 1: Use Yellow "Feature Type" dots to tell us where the Areas of Scenic Importance or Unique Environments/Features are in Hull on the map.
Step 2: In the **Comments Section** tell us the name of the Scenic or Unique Feature and what makes it special. Be sure to include the (#) at the bottom of the Feature sticker next to your comment.

Feature Types



Example: Hull Cemetery



Example: Nantasket Beach Boardwalk



Example: Fort Revere



Example: Crescent Beach outcropping



Example: Weir River Estuary

Comments:

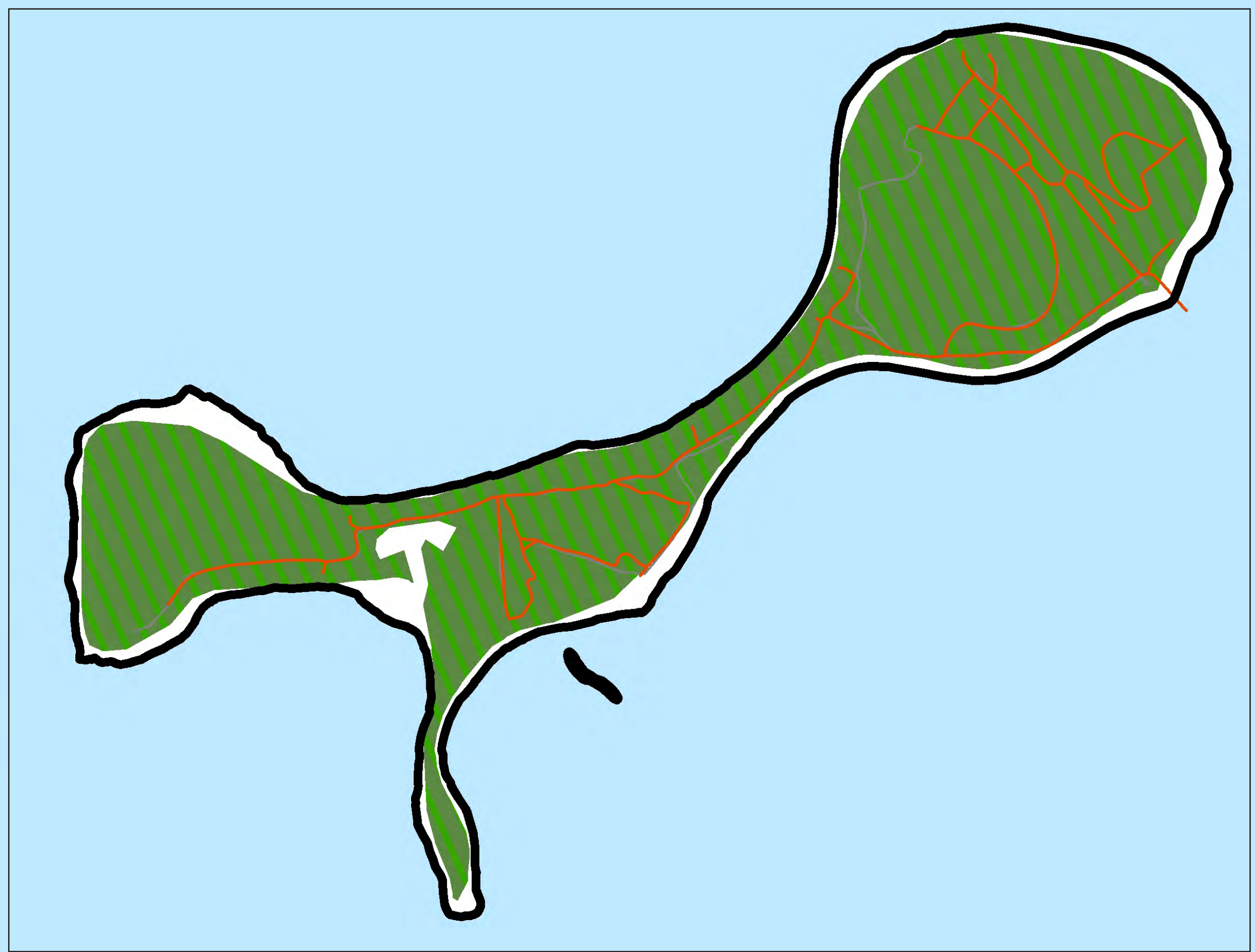
Example: (#36) Hull Cemetery is uniquely special because I can visit with loved ones that have passed on and take in some of the best views in town.



Questions?

Next Steps

- Administer a public opinion survey to gather further input from Town residents
 - Make sure to sign in so we can forward when ready!
- Continue work on draft OSRP, incorporating feedback from this forum



Peddocks Island

Are we missing anything?

Step 1: Please circle and note any parks or open space that may be missing or mislabeled on this map.

Step 2: Use post-it note to tell us your Likes/dislikes for active and passive recreation sites in Hull?

Ownership

- Town of Hull
- Private
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Level of Protection (Hull)

- Permanently Protected
- Limited Protection
- No Protection
- Unknown

Walking Trails

- Existing
- Under Construction / In Design
- Envisioned / Planned

Landline Regional Greenways

- Greenway Route

Bicycle Facilities

- Bike Lane - Proposed
- Bike Lane, Existing
- Marked Shared-Lane - Proposed
- Marked Shared-Lane, Existing
- Shared-Use Path - Proposed
- Shared-Use Path, Existing

Icons:

- Town Hall
- Schools