

CHARGE TO THE
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee was created by Article 72 of the May, 1985 Town Meeting. It was the result of the Board of Selectmen's and the Town's continuing concern to protect Orleans' open space.

Under this revised charge, the Committee shall be known as **The Orleans Open Space Committee**. Its purpose shall be to assist the Town in the preservation and acquisition of lands for conservation, recreation and open space by fee acquisition, easement or conservation restriction.

The Open Space Committee shall continue to report to the Board of Selectmen. It will be comprised of five members, serving three-year terms and subject to reappointment by the Board of Selectmen.

The Open Space Committee is charged with the following tasks:

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and to Town Meeting regarding the acquisition of open space.
2. Determine and review priority target parcels for protection with the Board of Selectmen, and other committees and boards as warranted.
3. Work with other Town committees and private land trusts for the common interest of acquiring or preserving open space.
4. Assist property owners in keeping private lands preserved as open space.
5. Develop and maintain a list of properties considered desirable for protection.
6. Be knowledgeable in sources of outside funding and resources, including the programs of the County, the Commonwealth, the Federal Government, state and national conservation agencies, and private benefactors.

7. Work with the Director of Planning in the five year review and update of the Conservation, Recreation and Open Space Plan (CROS) for the Commonwealth's Department of Conservation Services.
8. Participate as a member of the Community Preservation Committee under the provisions of the Community Preservation Act.
9. Assist or provide information to the Board of Selectmen and other Town committees that may be helpful in the course of other, non open space acquisitions.

The Open Space Committee will provide progress reports to the Board of Selectmen as appropriate or as requested. The Committee will file minutes with the Town Clerk.

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