



CHELMSFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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To: Chelmsford Residents and Abutters to Warren-Pohl Farm
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Subject: Warren-Pohl Farm Property

The town has recently acquired the 54-acre parcel of land known as the Warren-Pohl Farm and assigned it to be managed by the Chelmsford Conservation Commission (ConCom). We are soliciting any suggestions or concerns you might have as we develop the plans.

Note: currently there is no access allowed for the general public to the Warren-Pohl Farm.

Usage

The ConCom intends to establish the land as one of its thirteen Conservation Reservations for Passive Recreation defined by the state of Massachusetts as “*any activity that occurs in a natural setting with minimum disturbance of the natural and cultural resources and that is consistent with quiet enjoyment of the land including but not limited to hiking, nature study, outdoor education, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, trail bicycling, hunting, fishing, picnicking, canoeing, ice-skating, community gardening in existing fields, swimming in a natural water body with minimal site development, or informal sports activities on an open natural field.*” Not all of these activities are allowed in Chelmsford, nor necessarily on this site.

We will also consider “light” agriculture, including haying the fields (to maintain the meadow vista), maple tree tapping for syrup, bee-hives for honey, fruit tree orchard, and other similar low impact agricultural activities.

Access

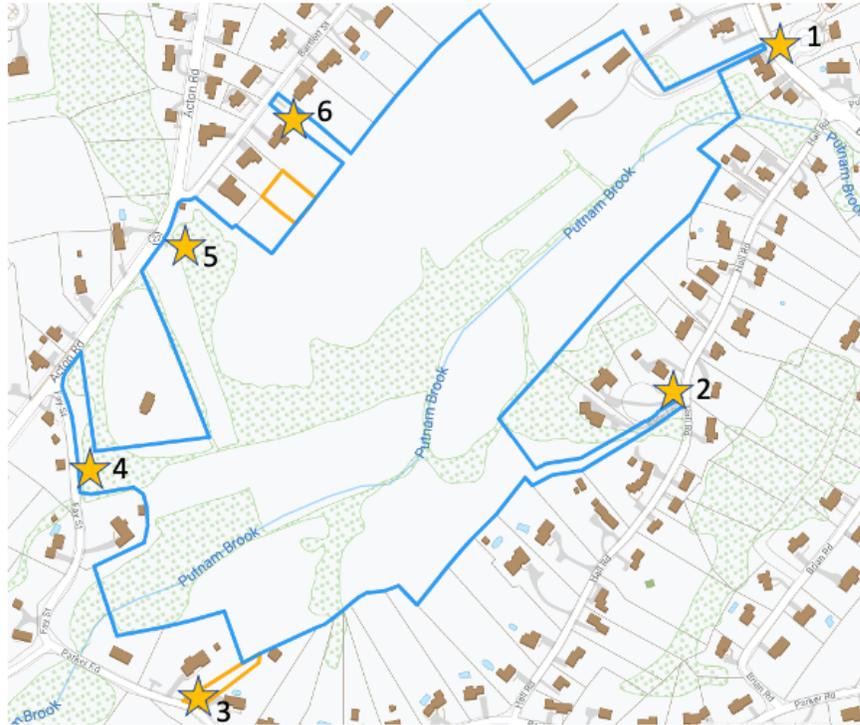
The reservation is located between Boston Road, Hall Road, Parker Road, Faye Street, Acton Road and Bartlett Street.

Currently, there is only vehicle access to the site from Boston Road (Entrance #1 on diagram). We envision this will be used only for service and emergency access. Entrance #'s 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be restricted access for the residents of those streets, if at all. Entrance 3 could provide access to Wright Reservation on Parker Road. We intend to put up appropriate signage as needed at all access points.

We believe that Entrance # 5 on Acton Road is the only area that will accommodate parking for the general public to access the site. It is envisioned that we can accommodate ~15 cars including handicapped parking. Driveway and parking will be made of pervious material, similar to our other Conservation Reservation parking lots in town.



Warren-Pohl Farm - Frontages



6 Frontages

- 1: 95 Boston Road
- 2: 43 Hall Road (Kate Ln)
- 3: 115/119 Parker Road
- 4: Fay Street
- 5: 111 Acton Road (opposite)
- 6: 76/80 Bartlett Street

Wright Reservation

Trails

There are two existing main trails on the site totaling over 1.25 miles: one loop upland near Bartlett Street, and one loop in the fields near Putnam Brook and Hall Road. The trails will likely be joined to connect to the parking area and create one loop around the site. Portions of the trails may be made handicapped accessible, if feasible.

Again, we are soliciting any suggestions or concerns you might have as we develop the plans. Please forward your comments to:

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