

Activity 5: Park and Community Resource Inventory Worksheet

Every municipal Comprehensive Plan should contain a basic resource inventory. The resource features should be linear or part of a larger system which eventually could be joined together. The inventory provides information for developing a Map of Potential Conservation Lands.

Resource Inventory	Brief Description
<p>1. Wetlands and Their Buffers. Wetlands and their buffers are important for filtering storm water runoff, removing pollutants and providing critical habitat and wildlife corridors.</p>	
<p>2. Floodways and Floodplains. The Federal Emergency Management Agency publishes a map of these areas. Floodways are located along rivers and creeks. Floodplains are areas expected to be inundated with two or more feet of water at least once in 100 years. Building is limited in these areas.</p>	
<p>3. Moderate and Steep Slopes. Slopes with gradients over 25 percent should be avoided for construction.</p>	
<p>4. Groundwater Resources. Recharge areas are important to allow surface water to seep downward through coarse deposits or where wetlands frequently occur.</p>	
<p>5. Woodlands. Woodlands provide valuable habitat. Woodlands forming tracts of interconnected habitats are valuable resources.</p>	
<p>6. Farmland Preservation. Farmland preservation varies across the state. Forest areas on farmlands are a priority for protection. Former fields can also be converted to wildlife meadows and protected. Soils are a valuable resource. Identifying the type of soils is important for determining land use. For example, when on-site sewage is proposed, the most favorable soils are those where the high water table or impervious layers are four or more feet from the surface.</p>	
<p>7. Natural Resources. Identify significant environmental elements such as species of special concern, geologic features and special natural communities. Natural diversity inventory and county natural heritage inventories help locate general areas for protection.</p>	
<p>8. Historic, Archaeological and Cultural Features. Local historians and historic groups provide valuable information.</p>	
<p>9. Scenic Viewsheds. Scenic road inventories are valuable references for supporting other land protection purposes.</p>	