

Town of Brimfield
Open Space and Recreation Visioning Workshop
Thursday May 29, 2014
7-9 PM
Brimfield Town Hall, Great Room

6:45-7:15 pm **Registration and orientation** (make name tags, review handouts, maps, distribute survey, etc.)

7:15-7:30pm **Welcome/Overview of Workshop and Open Space and Recreation Plan**

- What is “open space?”
- What is “recreation?” (passive vs. active)
- What is an open space and recreation plan?
- Why is Brimfield updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan now?
- Who is on the Open Space Planning Committee and what are their roles?

7:30-8:00pm **Mapping Exercise**

Step 1: Each table has a copy of an enlarged map of Brimfield. Identify by drawing on the map with markers your answers to the following questions:

- Where do you live?
- Where do you work?
- Where do you play or recreate?
- Are there distinct neighborhoods or districts in Brimfield?
- What are the important natural resources and landmarks in Brimfield? (Examples: scenic areas, farmland, historic landmarks, etc.)
- What are the important recreational facilities in Brimfield?
- Are there issues/conflicts occurring with open space and/or recreational facilities? Where?

Step2: Each group has 2-3 minutes to present and explain their maps to everyone. Discuss Brimfield’s assets and challenges.

8:00-8:15pm **Open Space and Recreation Needs Analysis**

Step 1: As a large group, discuss the results of the mapping exercise and discuss strengths and challenges.

Step2: Identify open space and recreation needs in the context of strengths and weaknesses.

8:15-9:00pm **Identify 2014-2021 OSRP Goals and Objectives and Action Items**

- Review the 8 Open Space and Recreation Goals, and their corresponding objectives.
- Comment on and discuss each goals and objectives individually.
- Come to consensus on adding/removing any goals or objectives.
- If each group could manage the town for the day, what would they do?
- Identify actions to address specific goals and objectives based on this and prior discussions.