

THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

LAND FOR PEOPLE



Plimpton Community Forest

Project Description

The Town of Sturbridge has the one-time opportunity to acquire 295 acres of critical land on New Boston and Allen Roads in Sturbridge for new sports fields, clean water, protected forests, and recreation trails. If unsuccessful in raising the funds for the purchase, the property could be developed into 200 new homes!

The Plimpton Community Forest was once the homestead farm to the Plimpton families, some of the original settlers to MA. One hundred year-old remnants of the historic homestead remain including an old stone foundation, a stone well, and many long intact beautiful stone walls. It also contains scenic ponds, ledges, streams and trails that connect to adjacent open space. The property was recently harvested for forest health and wildlife habitat enrichment.

Community Forest Benefits

Sports Fields

If successful, the project will designate 15 acres of land for active recreation and four new, regulation-size sports fields with parking for over 100 cars.

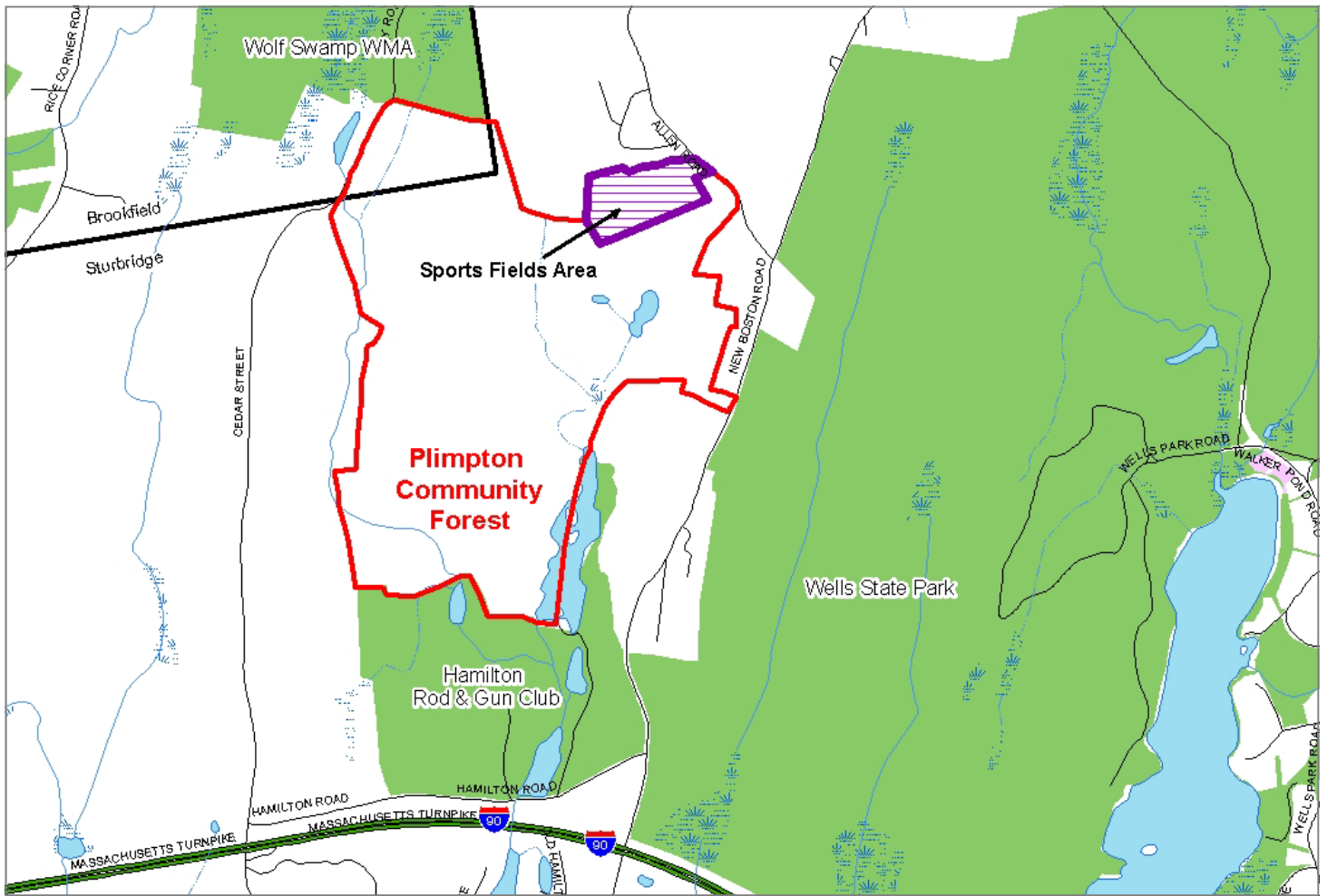
Clean Water

The project will preserve the natural landscape that protects lakes, ponds, streams, and groundwater from harmful runoff.

Open Space and Trails

The project will create a 2,700-acre tract of connected open space next to Wells State Park. With over two miles of trails, the land is an excellent family place for hiking, mountain biking, dog walking, hunting, fishing, and berry picking along the ponds. It can provide revenue to Sturbridge with ongoing forest management while preserving over 200 acres of State-designated critical habitat for rare wildlife.





Project Funding

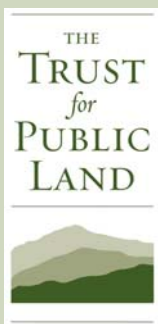
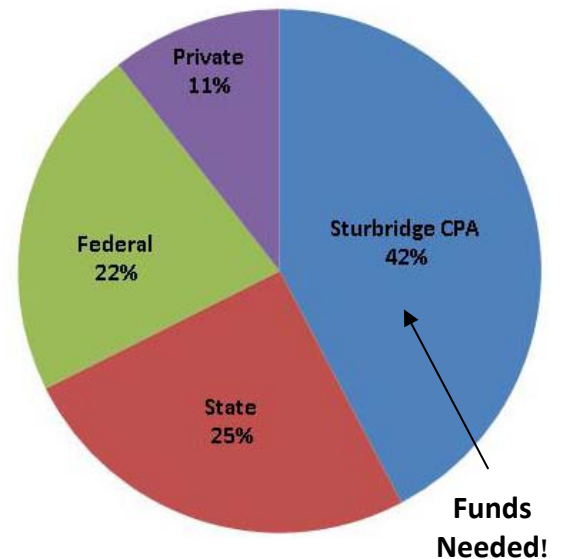
The Trust for Public Land has an agreement with the landowner to acquire the 295 acres (appraised at \$1,590,000). The partners have until June 30, 2015 to raise the funds for the purchase price.

NO NEW TAXES ARE REQUIRED!

The purchase price is already committed through state, federal, and private grants. At June Town Meeting, Sturbridge will have the opportunity to vote the remainder with existing Community Preservation Act funds which can only be used for open space, recreation, historic preservation and affordable housing. No new taxes or bonding is required!

Please vote Yes to protect this land forever. Or support our ongoing private campaign to match the Sportsmen's \$10,000 gift:

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