

**2004 SUTTON MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION SURVEY RESULTS
NATURAL RESOURCES**

1) What are the 5 most important natural resources in Sutton?

- Water supply/aquifer (x7)
- Surface water (x29)
- Watersheds (x2)
- Blaisdell Lake (x12)
- Kezer Lake (x22)
- Russell Pond
- Newbury Reservoir (x3)
- Gile Pond (x6)
- Cascade Brook (x2)
- Pillsbury Lake
- Public lake access
- Wetlands (x14)
- Marshes (x3)
- Forest lands (x23)
- State parks/Town land (x4)
- Wadleigh state park (x4)
- Agricultural land (x3)
- Open land (x12)
- Natural areas
- Wildlife and plants (x13)
- Musterfield farm (x4)
- King Ridge Reservation (x6)
- Scenic hill tops/views (x9)
- Hills/mountains (x3)
- Mt. Kearsarge (x2)
- Trails (x8)
- Roadways
- Air quality (x2)
- 21 Corner Stones
- Villages
- People (x5)

What can Sutton do to protect these natural resources?

- Positive incentives (x2)
- Use/promote these sites and support with time, money, and events (x2)
- Identify resources and sites (x2)
- Education (x5)
- Work with schools/4-H clubs to educate
- Support lake associations
- Help to maintain trail system
- Conservation easements (x9)
- Solicit donations of land (x3)
- Purchase land for conservation (x5)
- Allocation of conservation funds/money to purchase certain rights (x2)
- Limit growth (x6)
- Limit growth around the surface water shores (x2)
- Monitor invasive weeds and remove (x5)
- Enforce the shoreland protection laws (x2)
- Protecting watershed
- Identify aquifers and zone appropriately (x2)
- Re-stock fish
- Wetlands buffers
- Water and soil testing (x5)
- Limit boat access/use (x2)
- Pollution control (x2)
- Protection of scenic vistas by allowing selected clearing, need some meadowland along with the woodland to enhance NH beauty
- Protect the trees along the roadways
- Encourage forest management on private lands and town-owned lands
- Through the protection/enforcement of town regulations (x4)
- Land use regulations (x2)
- Conservation zoning (x2)
- Cluster subdivision (x2)
- Lot sizes (x4)
- Enlist aid of individual knowledge in the field
- Make a genuine effort to get public input from the beginning
- Stop trying to demand "ownership" of privately held properties which people have freely allowed others to use (trails, hunters, etc) or owners may stop allowing such use

- 2) **Should the town put aside money each year for the purchase of land/easements for the purpose of natural resource protection? This would be in addition to the Land Use Change Tax.**

	# Responses	% Responses
Yes	52	75%
No	12	17%
Unknown	5	7%
Total	69	100%

- Yes but absolutely not under the control of the Conservation Commission
- Yes but from the second sentence I assume that to implement you would need a higher tax. Is that really necessary?
- By town vote for specific reasons