

200-xx H Parks and Open Space District.

A. Intent. The intent of the H Parks and Open Space District is to preserve, conserve and protect the native and manmade open space and recreation areas throughout the Town to ensure their continuation as parks, recreation areas, scenic vistas, and open space. It is intended that this district will provide open space for a variety of uses such as conservation of natural amenities, aesthetics, hiking, wildlife habitat, and park and recreation facilities among other similar uses. The parks/open space zoning district shall be applied only to land dedicated to or owned by the State, County, Town, or recognized conservation organizations such as The Nature Conservancy or Finger Lakes Land Trust.

B. Permitted principal uses and structures.

(1) Open space uses, which include the retention of land in its natural state or the provision of such uses which are compatible with the natural state and the natural environment, including but not limited to wildlife or nature preserves, walking and hiking trails, nature trails, and rehabilitating land to its natural state.

(2) Indoor and outdoor facilities, structures, and uses that are designed for park, recreation, educational, and sport activities that enhance the public use of parks and open space.

(3) Waterfront uses, which include, but are not limited to beaches, walking and hiking trails, fishing facilities, boat ramps and pedestrian bridges.

(4) Public and private forest and wildlife preserves.

C. Permitted Accessory Uses.

(1) Signs subject to the provisions of the Town Code.

(2) Off-street parking and loading areas.

D. Special Permit Uses.

(1) Essential services.

E. Additional Provisions and Requirements

(1) Preservation of open space and natural vegetation shall be encouraged.

(2) Indoor and outdoor facilities, structures and uses that are designed for park, recreation, educational and sport activities that enhance the public use of the Sandy Bottom Park are subject to review by Friends of the Park and approval of the Richmond Town Board.