

Estabrook
Woods
Access Study
Committee

Town of Concord

*The following slides were
presented by the
Estabrook Woods Access
Study Committee at a
public hearing on
October 24, 2016.*

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Town of Concord
Public Hearing
Monday, October 24
7 pm

*The Committee welcomes
public comment on
preliminary recommendations
for addressing issues related
to access, parking and visitor
use in the Estabrook Woods.*



*The Committee welcomes further public input through
email at:*

estabrookcommittee@concordma.gov

*Visit our webpage to see agendas, minutes from our
committee meetings, and preliminary recommendations:*

www.concordma.gov/estabrookcommittee

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Appointed in April

Met every two weeks since – more frequently in fall

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- Neil Rasmussen
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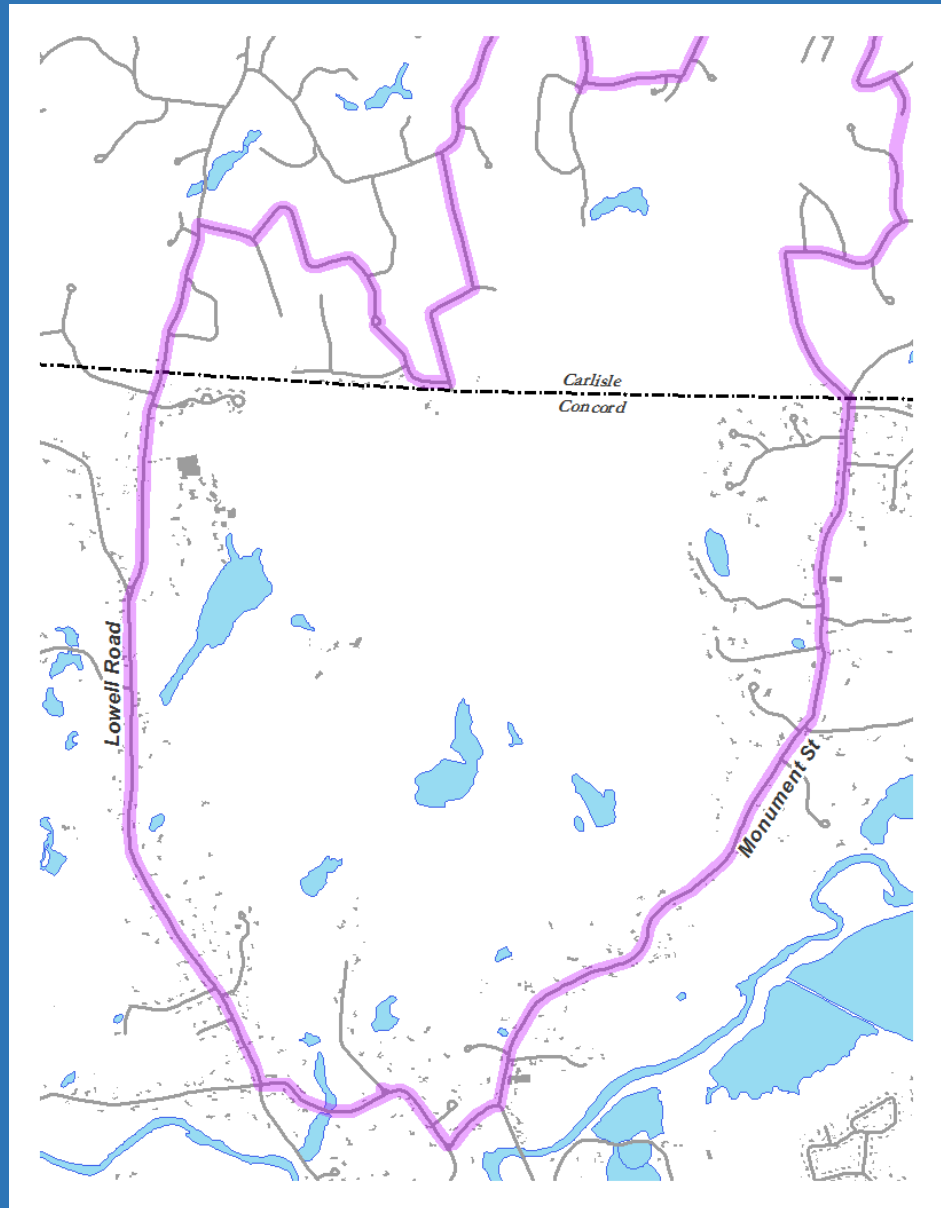
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**BALANCING THREE
GOALS:**

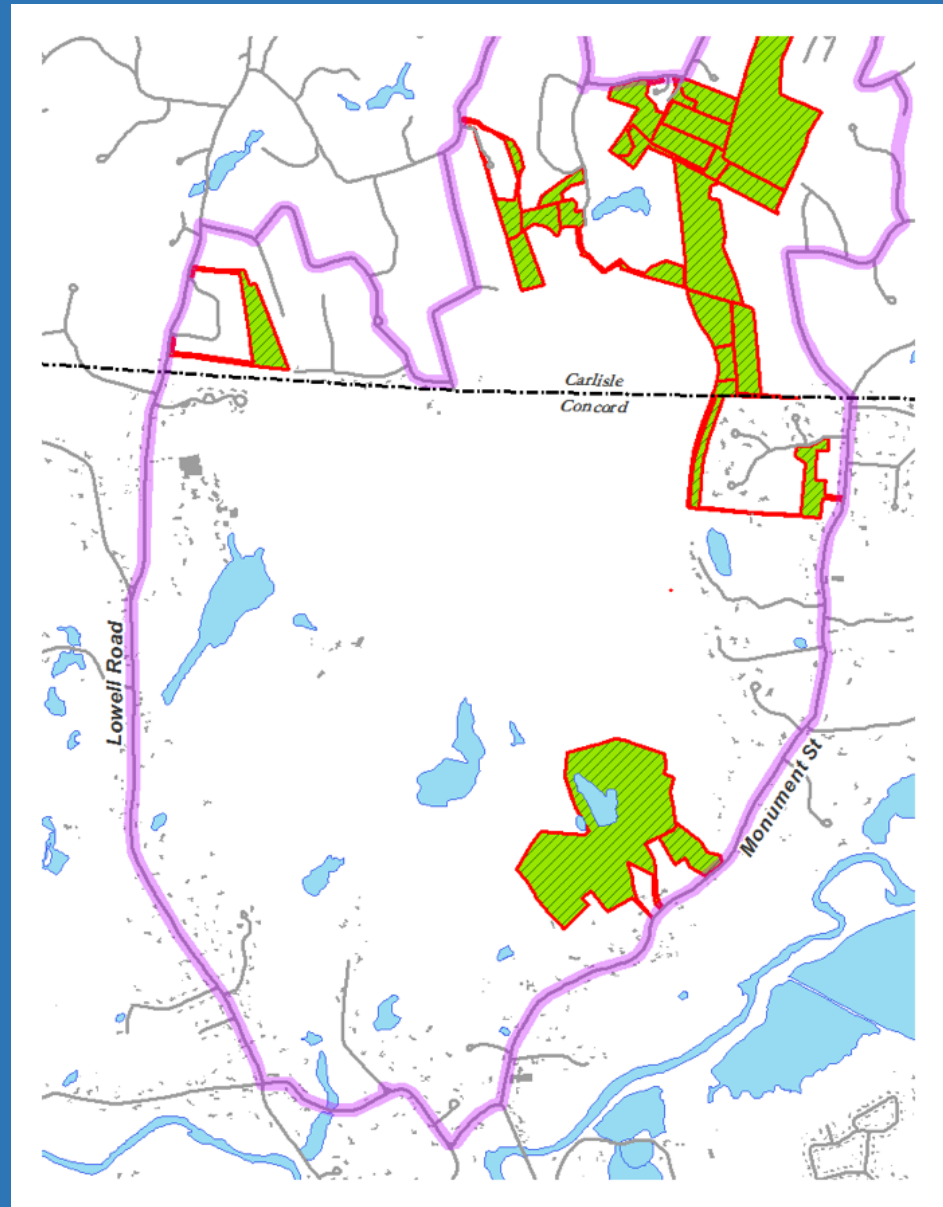
- Supporting stewardship of the Woods
- Protecting rights of private landowners
- Welcoming visitors

Estabrook Woods



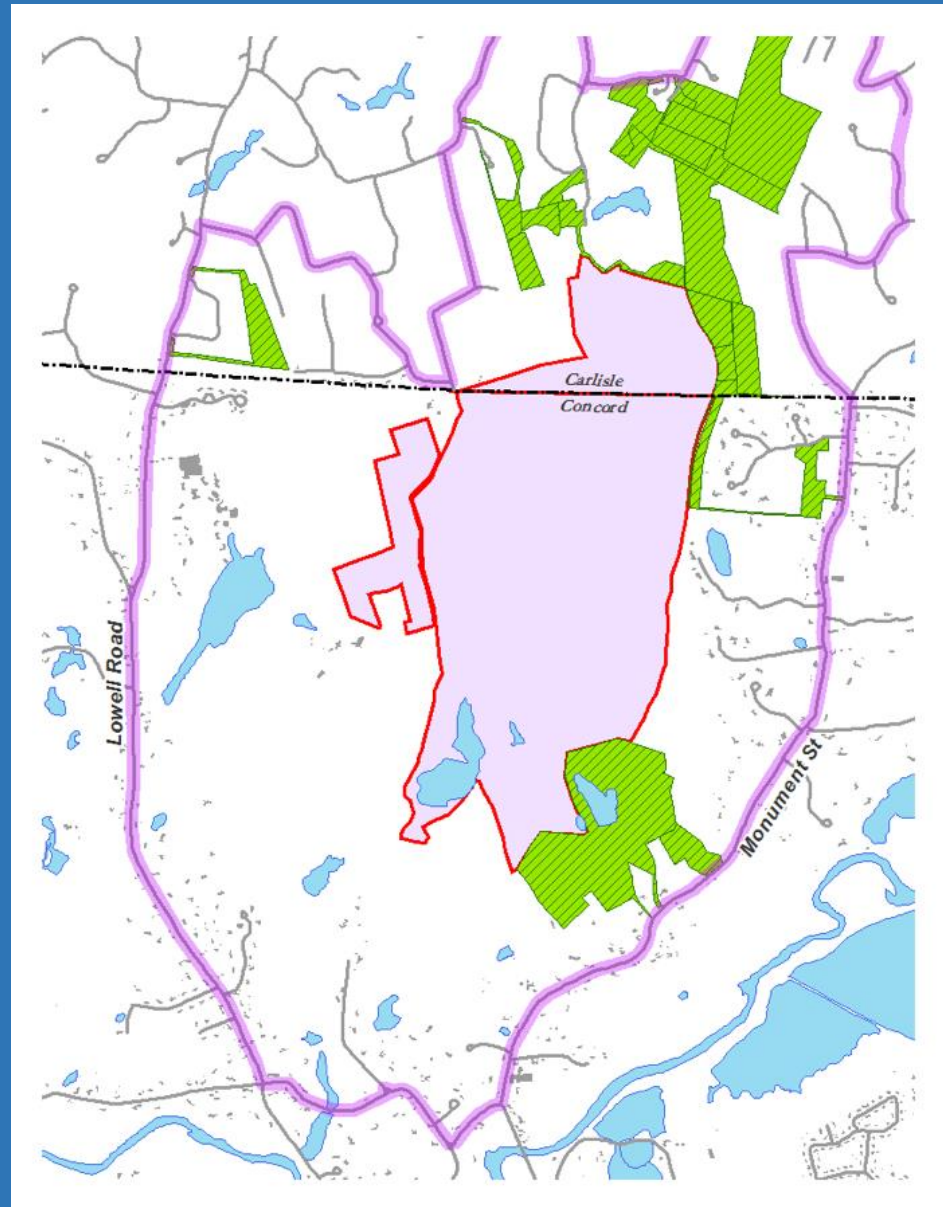
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*Public Conservation
& Municipal Land*



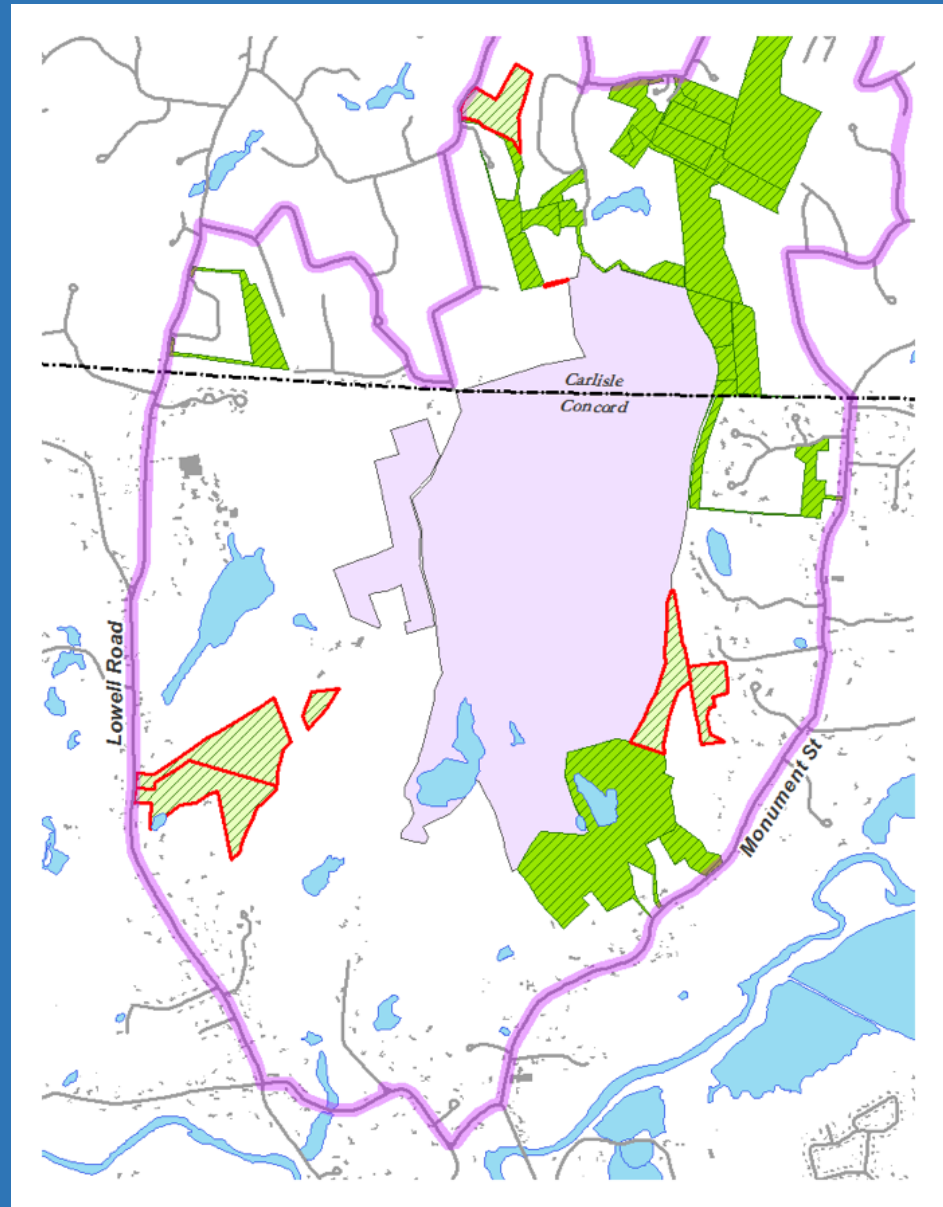
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Harvard University



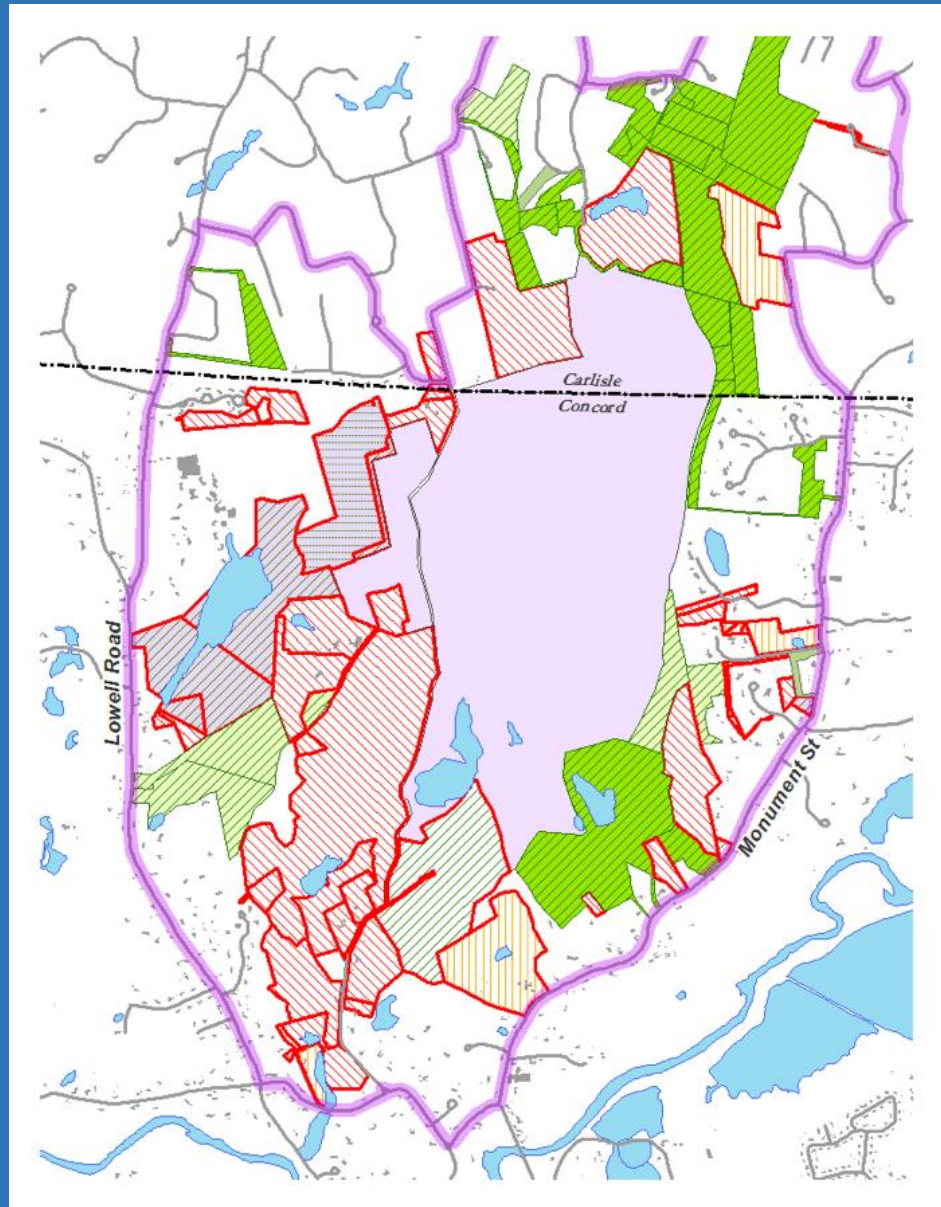
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Land Trusts



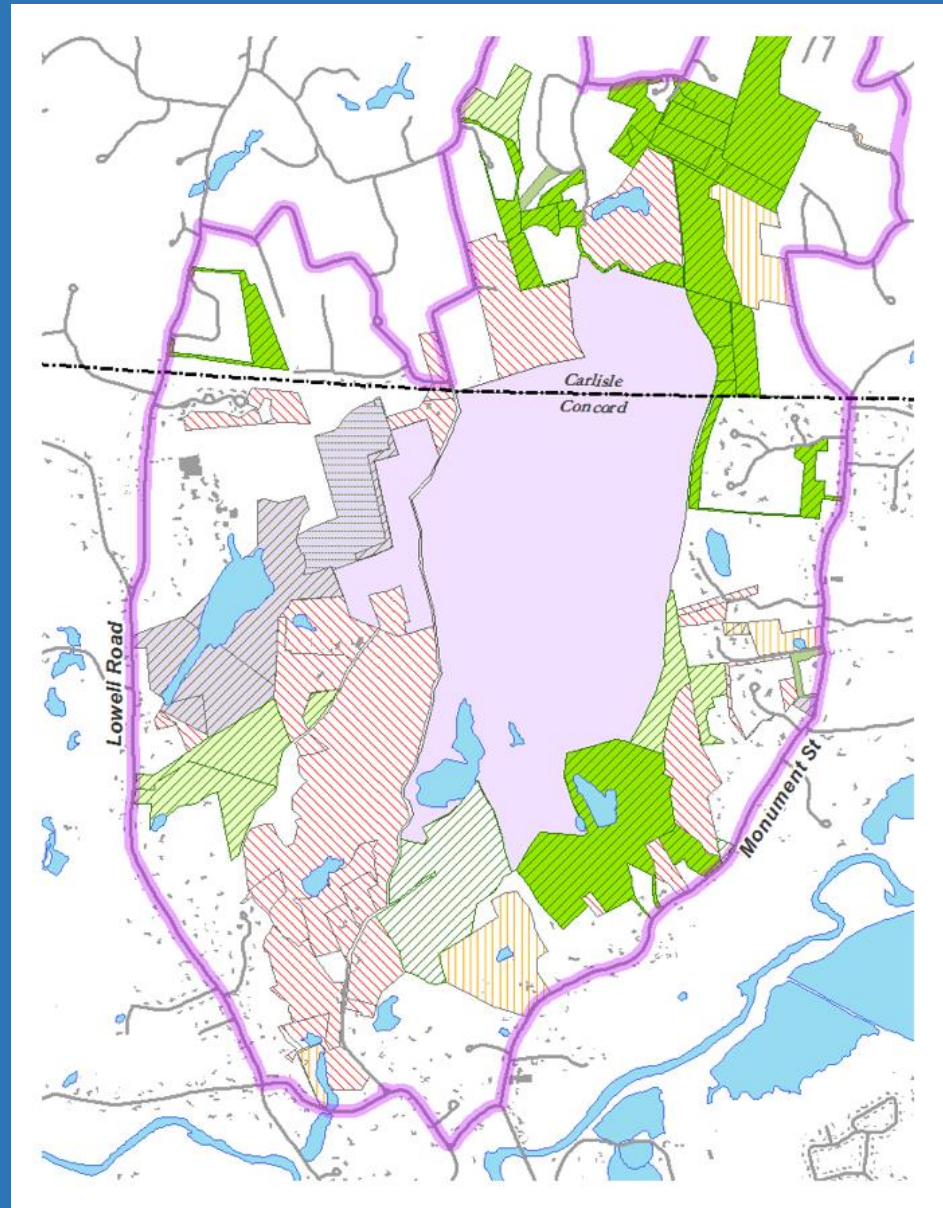
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*Private
Conservation
Restrictions*



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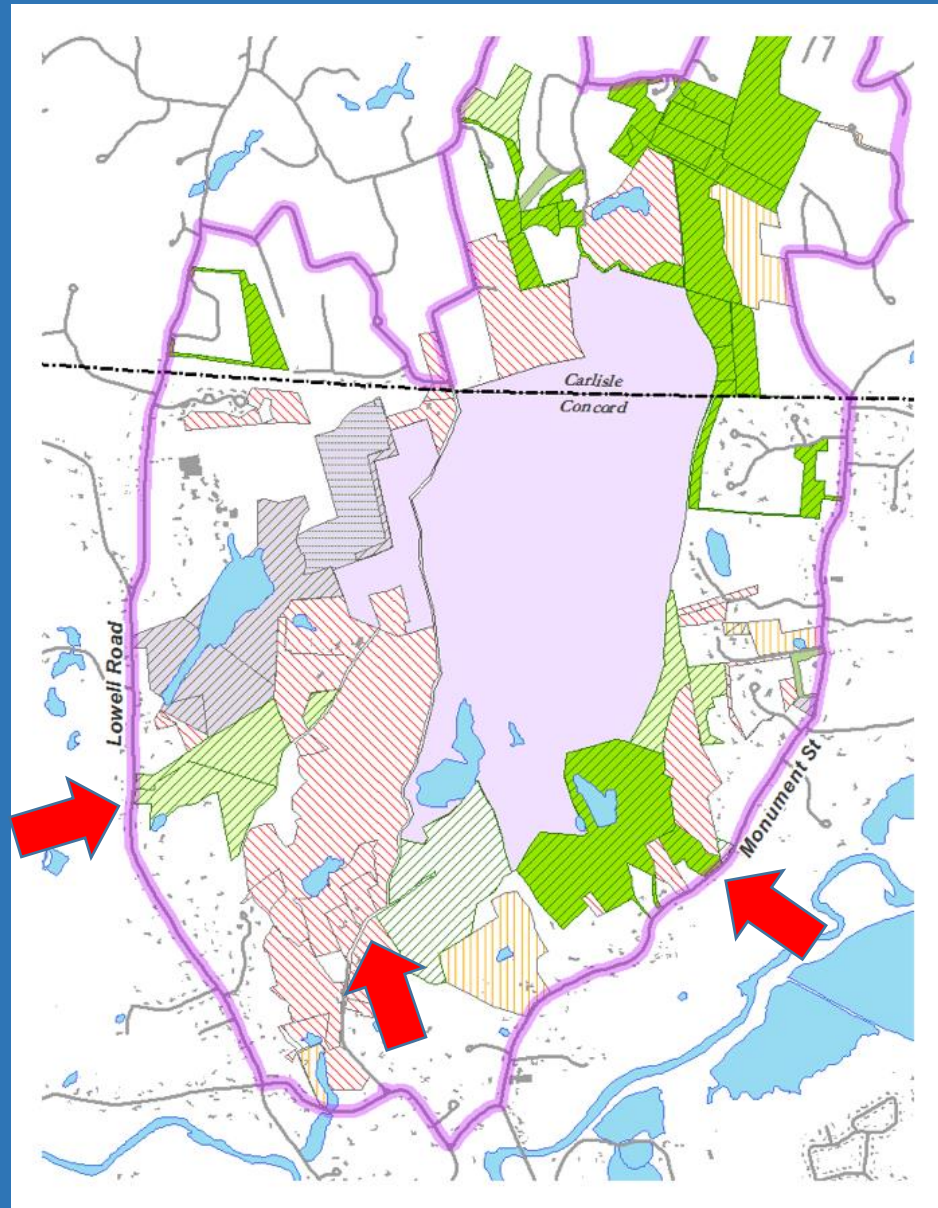
All Protected Land



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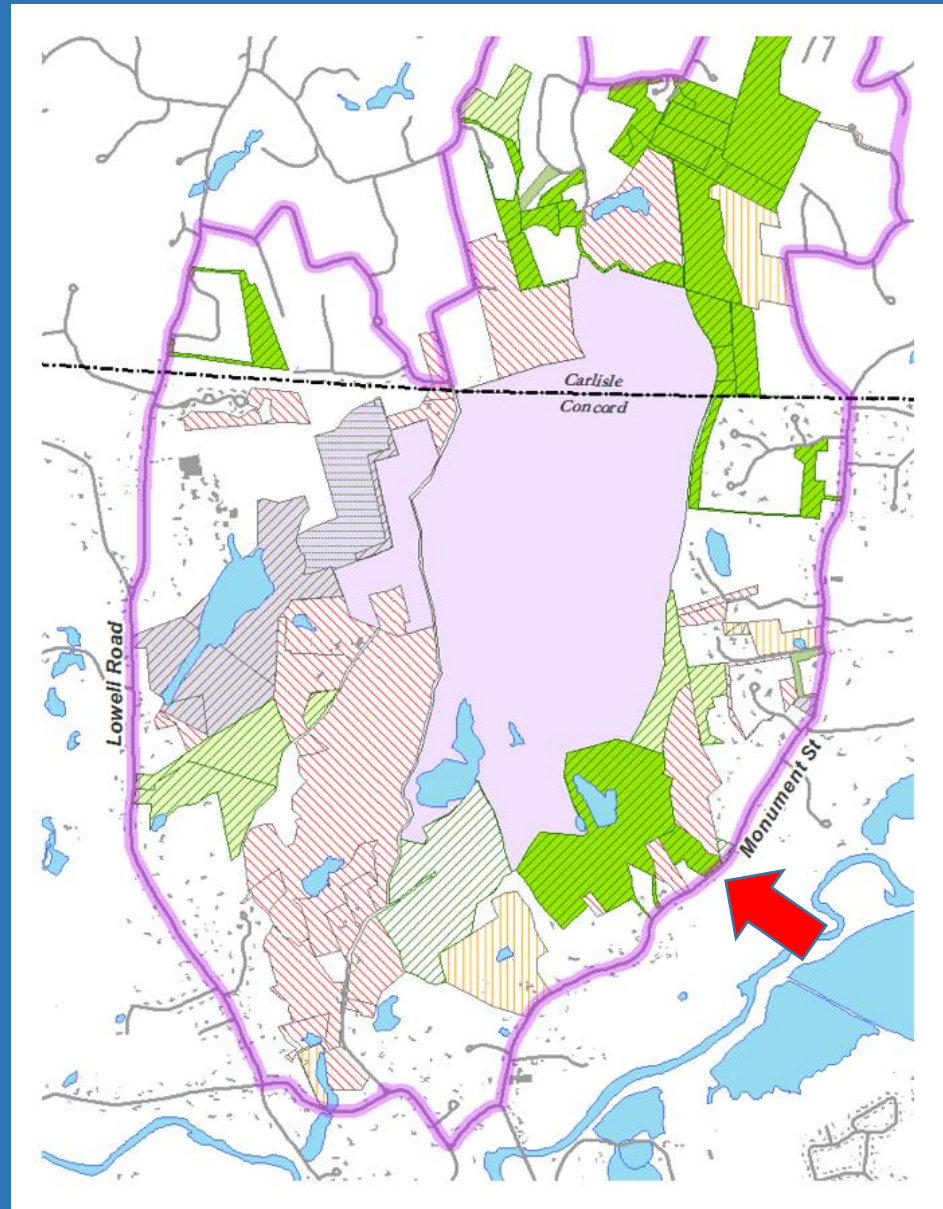
THREE ACCESS POINTS:

- *Punkatasset*
- *Estabrook Road*
- *Chamberlin Woods*



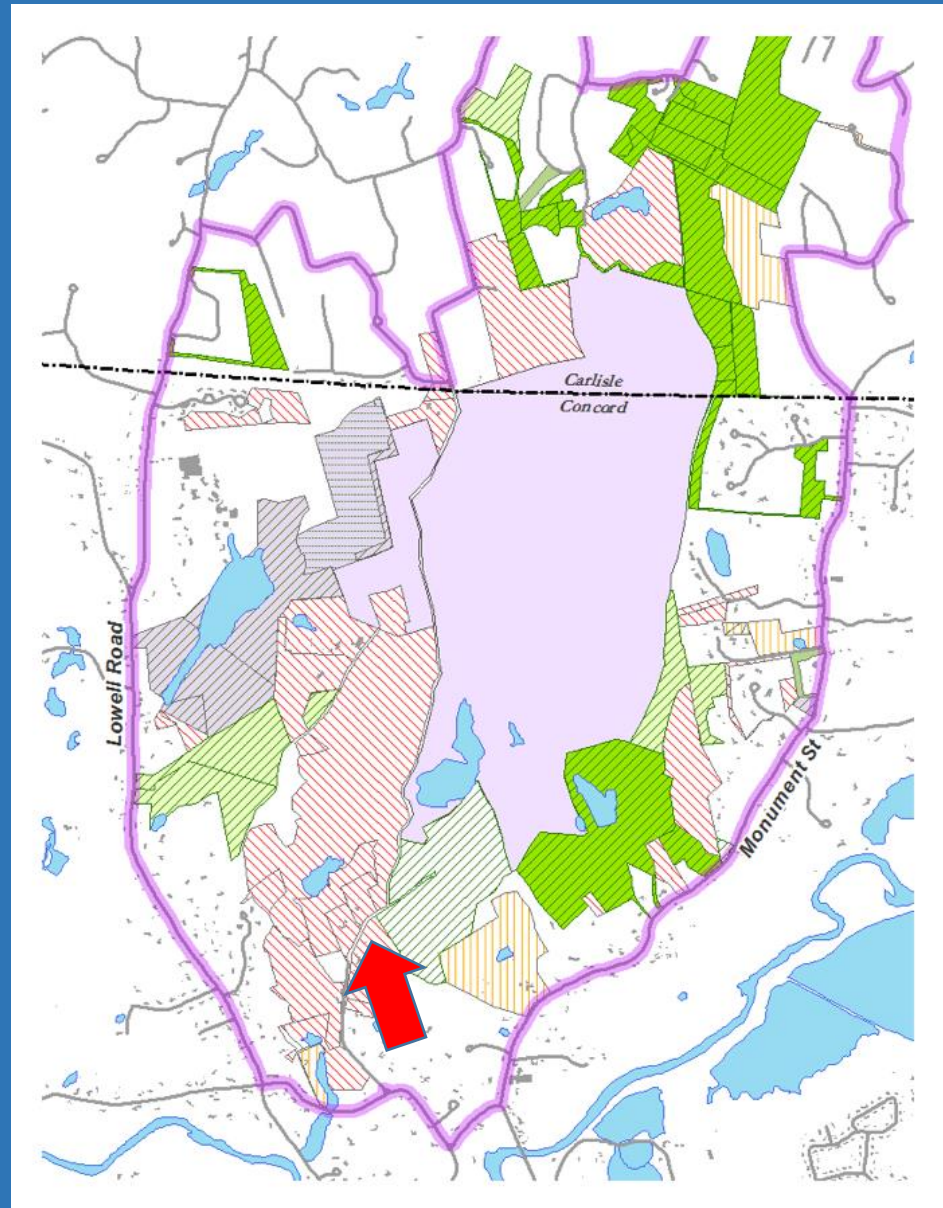
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*Punkatasset Town
Conservation Land
on Monument Street*



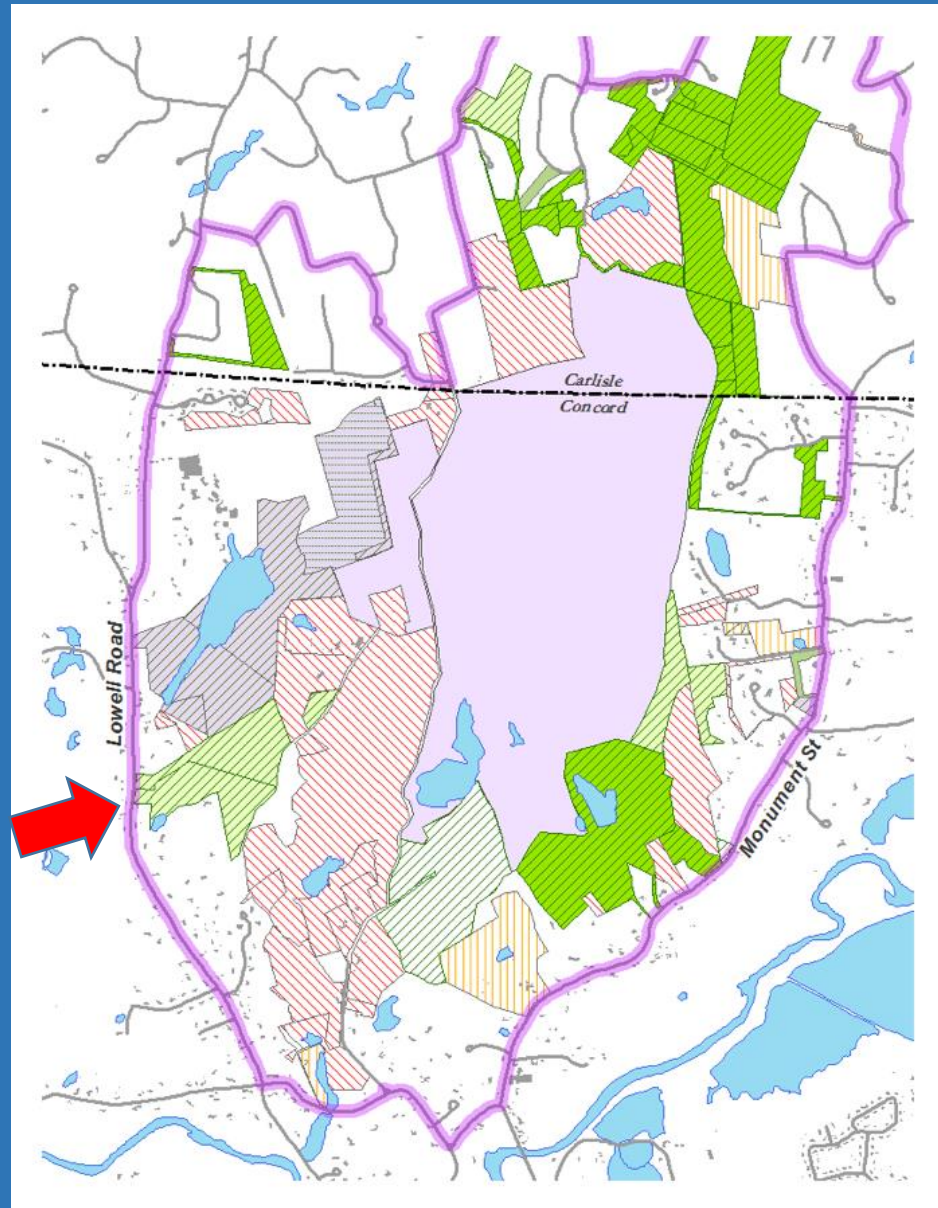
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*Chamberlin Woods
CLCT Land on
Lowell Road*



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Proposed Estabrook Woods Use Guidelines

Dogs permitted only as follows:

- Dogs must be on leash from parking area to “leash release” signs
- No more than two dogs per person
- Dogs must be under owner’s control at all times
- Pack out all dog waste

Access:

- Dawn to dusk use only
- Parking allowed only in designated areas
- No motorized vehicles
- No commercial activities, hunting, swimming, camping, or fires

Trail Use:

- Remain on established trails and do not enter those marked “private”
- Walk bikes through muddy or sensitive areas

Leave historic Estabrook Woods cleaner than you found it

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3. *Resolve legal uncertainties.*

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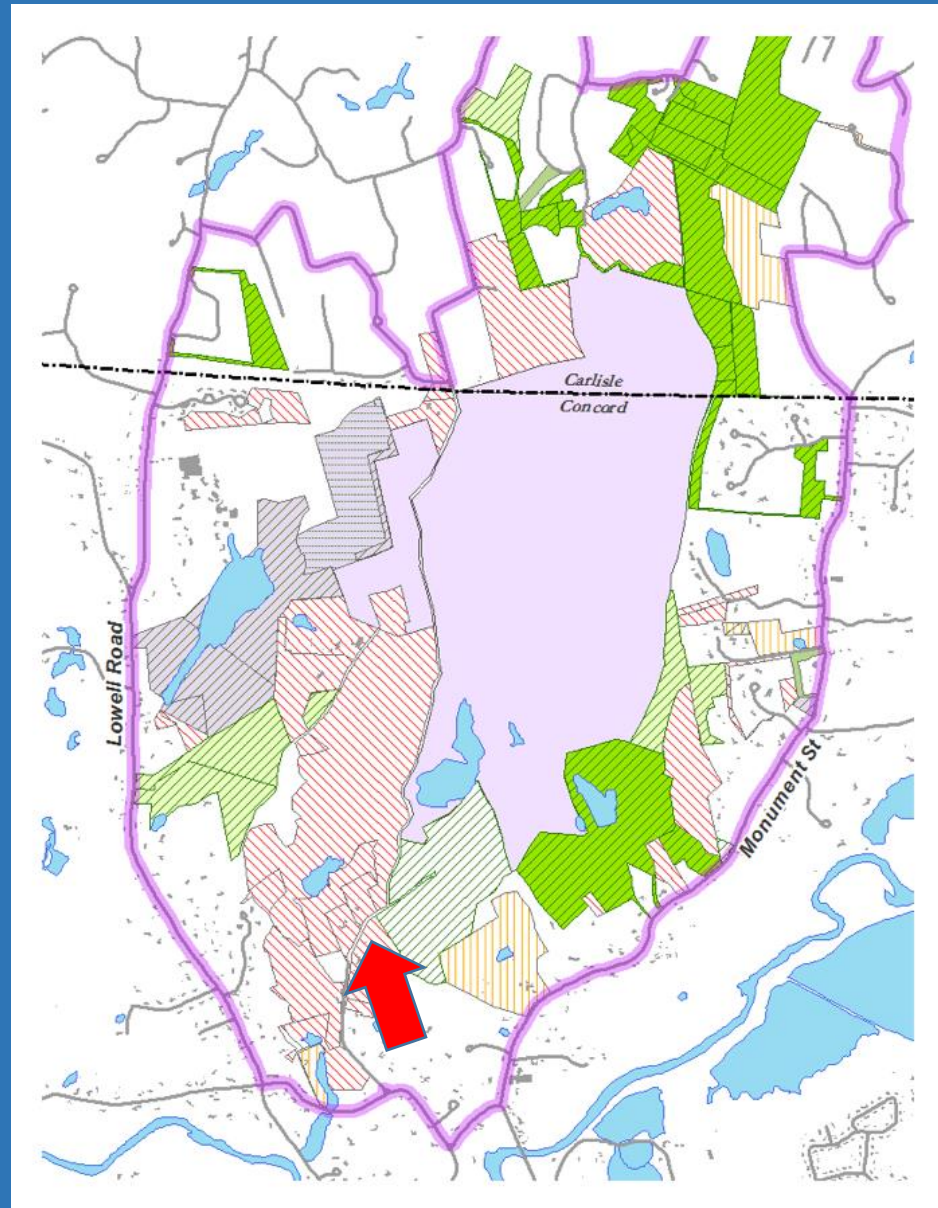
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Punkatasset – Potential Parking on Aphorlp Land



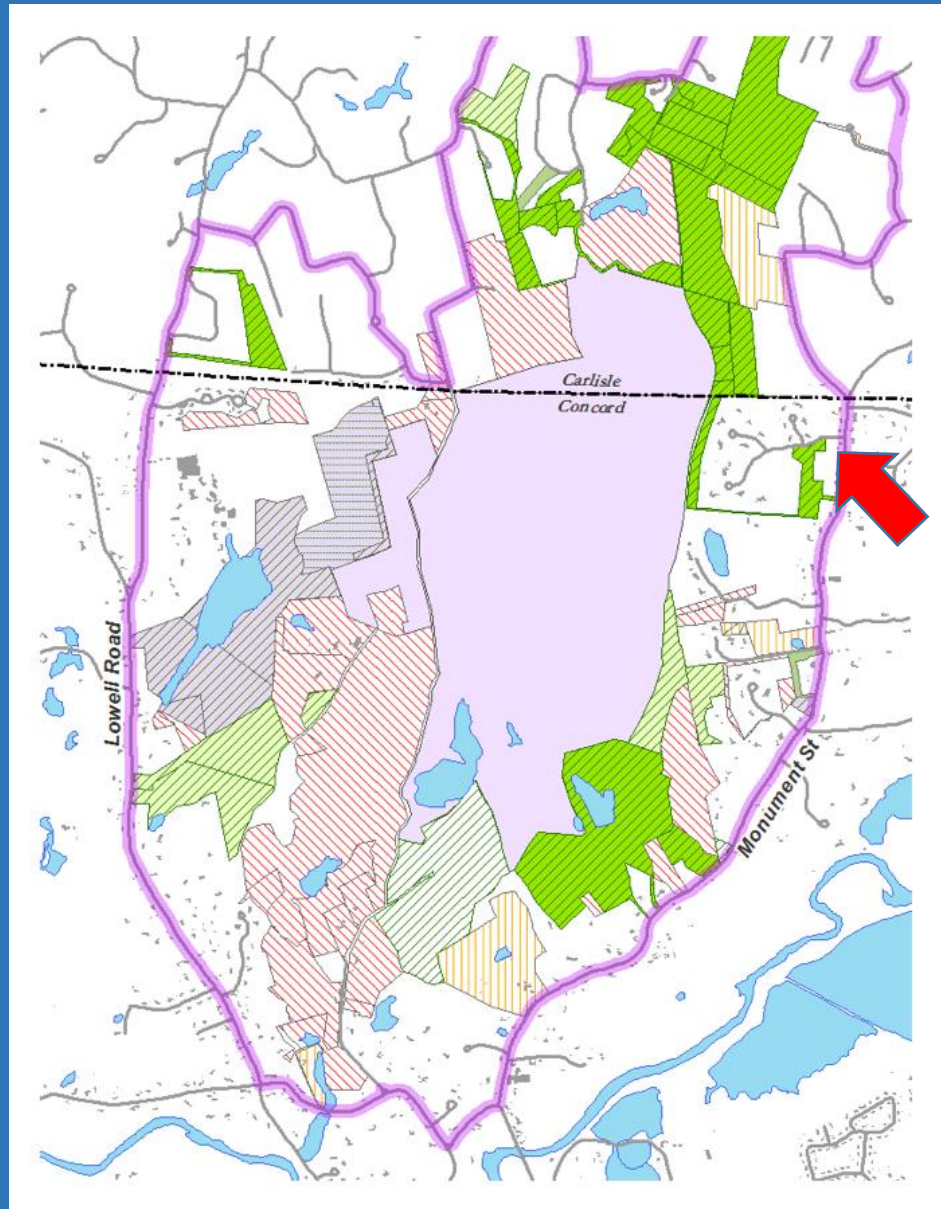
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Monument Farm Road



Estabrook Woods (in Concord) Current and Potential Parking Capacity					10/24/16
Committee Designations Based Upon Input and Measurements by DPW and Field Observations by the Committee					
	Punkasset (Monument Street)	Estabrook Road	Chamberlin Woods	Monument Farm	Total Spaces
2014 (baseline)	13	11 plus approx. 25 overflow spaces for cars along road	16	0	40 to 65
Summer 2016	13	11 (temporary parking restriction in effect)	16	0	40
Fall 2016	10 (loss of three spaces due to new driveway)	11 (temporary parking restriction in effect)	16	0	37
Committee's Preferred Option: Build parking lot at TTOR/Apthorp	approx. 20-24 cars; eliminate Monument onstreet parking	current 11*	16	3 to 5	50-56***
If no lot can be built at TTOR/Apthorp	13 cars on conservation land; eliminate Monument onstreet parking	current 11 plus 5 to 11** additional	16	3 to 5	48 to 56

*** with a majority also favoring 3 to 5 additional temporary spaces until parking lot at TTOR/Apthorp can be built (not consensus)

** a majority of committee favored some additional spaces - not consensus

* a majority favors 3 to 5 temporary spaces on Estabrook Rd. until the parking lot can be built (not consensus)

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2. *Foster observance of consistent guidelines that promote mutual respect.*
3. *Resolve legal uncertainties.*
4. *Address parking issues.*
5. *Other recommendations.*

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Thank you

