

TO: Planning Board
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SUBJECT: Planners Report, Project Updates
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Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

- Consultant working on changes required by DCR

Western Woods Preservation

- Forest Stewardship and Bird Habitat Assessment on-going
- OSRP Committee will have updates at each of its monthly meetings

Local Rapid Recovery Grant

- Funding Report received and posted on Downtown LRRP website
- Working on Applications for funding for Placemaking Plan, Temporary Shared Economic Development Position, and Off-Season Event Series

Planning Grants

- Continuing discussion with MAPC for the Downtown Parking Study.

Blasting Guidelines

- Focus is on safety, environmental protections and community communication
- Suggested framework for guidelines, reviewing with Fire Chief
 - Expand abutter notification – 1000’
 - Require assessment for Acid Rock Drainage
 - Public and peer review of Blast Design Plan or Blasting Plan
 - Prohibition of Perchlorate
 - Expand notice of blasting activities to include Town personnel
 - Expand extent of optional surveys for homeowners
 - Length of blasting operations – limit hours, successive days, other?
 - Reporting requirement