

Forest Policy
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Town of Washington Grove Master Plan 1975

Philosophy and action within the Town's forest areas should be governed by the Forest Policy adopted by Council and Town Meeting in 1973, to wit:

1. To protect and maintain the integrity of its forest preserve undiminished in acreage as an indispensable element in preserving the idyllic character of the community.
2. To adapt a management policy treating the forest as a natural reserve and not to undertake a timber harvest plan chiefly for revenue.
3. To preserve all existing green space whether public or private within Town borders.
4. To charge the Forestry Committee (subject to approval of Council) with the management of the Town forests in accord with this policy. This would enable the protection of the woods as we know them and would increase their effectiveness as recreational, esoteric, educational and protective assets of our Town.

This Master Plan recommends abandonment of the "road and lot" designations within the forest areas, leaving this acreage designated as Forest Preserve. Better boundary designation along the East woods and Lake woods is recommended. At the time of adoption of the Plan, the Town is commencing a fencing project for the former area which will be costly, but will prove effective if properly maintained.