

Town of Upton

Milestones in Public Land, Open Space, Recreation, and Resource Protection (a work in progress)

Event	Year(s)	Notes
First Burial Ground		
Second Burial Ground		
Mill Dams: Taft Mill, Mill Pond, Fiske Mill, Pratt Pond	1700-1800's	
Poor Farm	1861 - 1942	200+ acres, Sold by Town in 1942
Grafton-Hopedale Rail Line		Reactivated by new owner in 2008
Lake View Cemetery	1850's	
Maplewood Cemetery	1892	
Upton Town Common – WWI Memorial		
Civilian Conservation Corps at Upton State Forest	1930's	Dean Pond Dam, Headquarters, Trails
Upton State Forest	1920s-1930s	
Town Meeting Vote to Establish a Town Forest		
Loss of Knowlton Reservoir		
Gas and Powerline Easements		
Lake Wildwood Dam Rebuilt	1956	
Zoning Bylaws Adopted	1950s	
Corps of Engineers West Hill Dam Flowage Easements	1950s	ca. 840 acres in Upton
Glen Avenue Well Field		
First West River Well Field		
Old Zac Acquired by Town		
Old Knowlton Reservoir		
Central MA Beagle Club		47 Acres now in Chapter 61
Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club		66 acres now in Chapter 61

Gravel Removal Bylaw		
VFW Fields		
Pratt Hill Sold by Town		
Chapter 61 Program Enacted by Commonwealth	1973	
First Upton Master Plan	1973	
Conservation Commission Act Adopted by Town		
Pratt Pond Conservation Area	1972	10 acre
Walker Drive Parcel	1977	1 acre
Kiwanis Beach Recreation Area		
Metacomet Land Trust Forms	1978	Regional land trust
Old Town Road Abandonment	1981	Town meeting vote
Upton Aquatic Weed Control Committee	1980's	
Peppercorn Hill Conservation Area	1985	293 acres
Warren Brook Watershed Conservation Area	1996	230 acres
First Upton Open Space Plan	1995	
Bernat Conservation Restriction (MLT)	1996	64 acres, Metacomet Land Trust
Open Space Bylaw (by right)	1998	
Miscoe Warren Whitehall ACEC Designation	2000	
CMRP Buildout Analysis	2000	
Stephens Farm Purchase, OSRP Update	2001	ca. 126 acres; town meeting turned down Self Help grant for 250K
Pratt Pond Dam Reconstruction		
Town Meeting Rejects Purchase of Stockwell Farm		43 acres, later purchased for church site
Wetland Protection Bylaw	2003	
Community Preservation Act Adopted by Upton	2003	
OSRP Update	2003	Not sent to EOEA
Trask Blackstone Valley Recreation Area Donation		29 acres for active recreation
Preserve at Wildwood Subdivision		13 acres open space
West River Road Soccer Field		
Bob and Gail Snow Taft Street Land Donation	2005	

Over 55 Bylaw	2005	
Upton Master Plan Update	2005	
Planned Village Development Bylaw	2005	
First Town Recreation Needs Study	2006	
Kenneth Village Over 55 Development	2005	2 acres open space
Recreation Master Plan	2006	
Friends of Upton State Forest Formed	2006	
Upton Chamber Property Purchased (Elm Street)	2006	7.5 acres
ConCom Land Stewardship Committee Formed	2006	
ConCom Land Use Regulations	2006	
Open Space Bylaw – Special Permit	2007	
Howarth Glen Conservation Area	2007	
Snow Family Conservation Area	2007	8.6 acres, access to Peppercorn
Open Space Study (Dodson Associates)	2007	
Stefans Farm Stewardship Plan	2007	
Richard and Naomi Howarth Conservation Area	2008	
Large Pratt Hill Stone Mound Destroyed	2008 or 2009	
Wetland Bylaw Survives Revocation Attempt	2009	
Wetland Bylaw Regulations	2009	
CPA Survives Revocation Attempts	2009	
Second West River Road Wellfield Approved	2009	17 acres purchased for well site