

MATRIX B: INVENTORY OF PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT PARCELS

Property Name/Ownership/ Location	Acreage	Managing Agency	Current Use	Condition (town-owned land only)	Public Access	Access for People with Disabilities	Zoning	Protection Status	Restrictions	Grants Used to Purchase or Improve Property	Recreation Potential
PUBLIC PARCELS											
Centennial Grove/Field of Dreams	41 acres	Town of Essex Board of Selectmen	Freshwater beach on Chebacco Lake; 2 baseball diamonds/soccer fields and 2 recreational structures. Site of town's summer day camp. Nature trail, other hiking trails & bird watching/nature study.	Aging but good	Some parking limited to residents; other areas available for public parking. Beach open to public; fields used by permit only.	No special access				Essex County National Heritage grant for nature trail installation	Great – provides playing fields and space for summer camps and festivals
Chebacco Lake	209 acre Great Pond shared by towns of Essex and Hamilton.	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Swimming, canoeing, water-skiing, kayaking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, nature study.	One of the most productive North Shore alewife habitats; considered by the Department of Marine Fisheries to be in good condition. Current beaver damming problems may affect capacity of alewives to reach the lake, and are being monitored by Chebacco Lake Watershed Association and the state.		No special access	This is a watershed and part of the recharge area for the town's three wells (2 permanent and 1 seasonal).	A wellhead protection bylaw restricts development around the wells.		DEM Lakes and Ponds grant used to develop management plan	Great – currently used by motorized and non-motorized boats, swimmers, fishermen, and summer camps

Conomo Point		Town of Essex Board of Selectmen	Much of Conomo Point beach is open to residents. Parcels leased to individuals for dwellings will expire in 2011, after which no specific use has been designated. Houses a town landing, 2 beaches and a privately-owned dock.		Limited parking for Essex residents; public access to boat landing	No special access.		Currently unprotected.		None	Fair, but limited parking.
Essex Elementary & Middle School	10 acres	Manchester-Essex Regional School Committee (school building & grounds); Essex PTO (playground)	Indoor gymnasium, cafeteria, playground and basketball courts used by school during school hours; used for meetings of town boards, sports, and other activities after hours.		All facilities available to public after school hours.	Adequate parking and handicapped access are available.				None, but many private donations to fund playground improvements	Good
Memorial Park	Part of 16-acre multi-use parcel housing Town Hall, Police and Fire Station, and public	Town of Essex Board of Selectmen	Recreational activities (2 Tennis courts, 3 baseball diamonds, basketball facilities, playground) and town-wide events (festivals,	Recently renovated playground and ball fields, and expanded parking lot. Pump station for town sewer system installed in 2005. Town Hall in severe need of repair.	Open to the public	Parking lot has handicapped spaces; playground has equipment for children with disabilities.		Some wetland restrictions due to its location in the Essex River salt marsh buffer zone. Site also houses a pump station for the town		None	Good

	parking lot.		etc.)					sewer system.			
State-Owned Parcels 5 parcels	61 acres	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	40 acres are marshland; remaining land abuts state roadways.								
Town-Owned Parcels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemeteries (Spring Street and Old Burial Ground) Coolidge Trust Woodlot & Saltmarsh Parcels 	12+ acres 8 acres 220 acres total	Town of Essex Board of Selectmen Town of Essex Board of Selectmen Town of Essex Board of Selectmen /Conservation Commission	Burial plots Public forest/park Varied	Maintained by DPW Not maintained	Open to public Open to public					None	Walking only Limited access
Town Hall	Part of 16-acre multi-use parcel also housing Memorial Park, Police and Fire Station, and public parking lot.	Town of Essex Board of Selectmen, as Conomo Point Commission.	Town offices/meetings and town library (also used for community classes and gatherings).	Because of the age of the building (built in 1894), it is in continual need of repair. Recent repairs have been made to roof (?) and the parking area was repaved in summer 2006.	Town offices open to Essex residents for town business; library open to public and for classes/meetings.	Handicapped -access ramp to library, as well as handicapped parking. No handicapped access beyond the first floor of the building.			T.O.H.P. Burnham Trust, which funds repairs to the building, specifies that it will house town offices and a library.	Emergency grants from state for roof repairs	N/A
Town Landings	Varying	Town of Essex Harbormaster	Primarily used year-round by clammers and in summer by recreational boaters .	Varying	Resident sticker parking required (parking often limited due to narrow roads).	Limited due to narrow roads; parking for people with disabilities is available at main town		Unprotected open space		None	Varies – only main town landing extensively used.

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Transfer Station	21 acres	Town of Essex Department of Public Works (“DPW”)	Equipped for disposal of trash and recyclable items including glass, metal, plastic, paper, clothing, scrap metal and large appliances.	Recently-built DPW barn(s) store equipment and vehicles; site houses former landfill.	Limited to Essex residents with transfer station sticker on vehicle (permit is \$100/year or \$50 for ages 65+)	Drive-up access to trash compactor available; operator present to assist with trash removal from vehicle. Recycling stations not readily handicapped accessible (some stairs, etc.) and staffing is limited.		A significant portion of the acreage is marshland, including an active stream		None	None
Water Department Parcels (Wellfields/Water Tank/Filtration Plant)		Town of Essex Water Department	Water supply/storage/treatment.	??	Restricted to protect water supply	N/A	Water resource			None	None
NONPROFIT PARCELS											
Essex County Greenbelt ¹	227 acres	Essex County Greenbelt	Hiking and wildlife observation		Open to the public			Permanently protected	Limited conservation restriction (CR)	None	Great for passive recreation
Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust wooded lots	586 acres	Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust	Hiking, nature study		Foot trails available to the public			Permanently protected	Limited CR	Not Known	Great for passive recreation
Cogswell’s Grant, Spring Street	126 acres	The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities	Hiking, bird watching, tours		Open to the public seasonally			Historical designation ONLY		None	Great for passive recreation
Trustees of Reservations	718 acres	The Trustees of	Hiking and wildlife		Open to the public			Permanently protected		None	Great

¹ MECT also owns a CR on 23 acres of ECGA property in the Woods. ECGA also owns a CR on 5 acres of MECT property in the Woods

(Stavros Property and Crane Wildlife Refuge including Choate Island)		Reservations	observation		(Stavros)/ Access by private boat/sea kayak or on guided tours offered seasonally by TTOR (Wildlife Refuge)						
OTHER PARCELS											
Chapter 61, 61A and 61B Lands (65 parcels)	973 acres (620 are agricultural)	Varied; some town-owned (?), some privately-owned	Agricultural, forested, or recreational land		Privately held			Some protection under Chapter 61, 61A and 61B of the Massachusetts General Laws		None	?
Other Privately Held parcels	Unknown	Largely privately owned	“sensitive” (ecologically important) parcels that are not under the Chapter 61 program and not protected in any way		Privately held			unprotected		None	?