

Homer Township Open Space Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Open Space Plan and Program is to preserve and protect the semi-rural character of Homer Township by setting aside large areas of land from the increasing tide of development. In order to achieve this, the Open Space Program identifies and/or manages parcels of open land acquired, or to be acquired; for conservation and preservation or for the restriction of development or use, with or without access, for open space purposes.

The Program provides for management and use of the property in a manner and with restrictions that will leave it unimpaired for the benefit of the public for future generations and for the purposes of:

- Protection, restoration and enhancement of natural areas, wetlands, forests, woodlands, prairies, floodplains, open spaces and greenways which provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife
- Preserve and maintain farmland, historic landmarks, scenic roadways, geographically significant features
- Protect natural streams or water supply
- Promote and enhance the conservation of the nature, flora and fauna, natural environment and natural resources of the township
- Maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources and passive recreational purposes
- Education, pleasure, and passive recreation of the public and for other open space values
- Promote orderly urban or suburban development
- To develop non motorized trail/path systems within and/or connecting the parcels with each other, township parks, other public lands or other trail systems
- Enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring highways, parks or other public lands

Approved 11/05/01 by the Homer Township Board as follows:

In favor: Trustee's Balich, Meyers, Strack and Supvr. Fazio

Opposed: Trustee Fisch