



Land Acquisition: Parcel Selection and Outreach



Agenda

- Parcel Selection
- Top Five Parcels
- Landowner outreach



Parcel Selection

- After reviewing OSTF parcel list, we created:
 - Prioritization strategy
 - Top five parcels for future acquisition
- Full explanation can be found on, “Land Acquisition and Prioritization”
 - Organizes and prioritizes parcels for acquisition
 - Recommendations for future selection



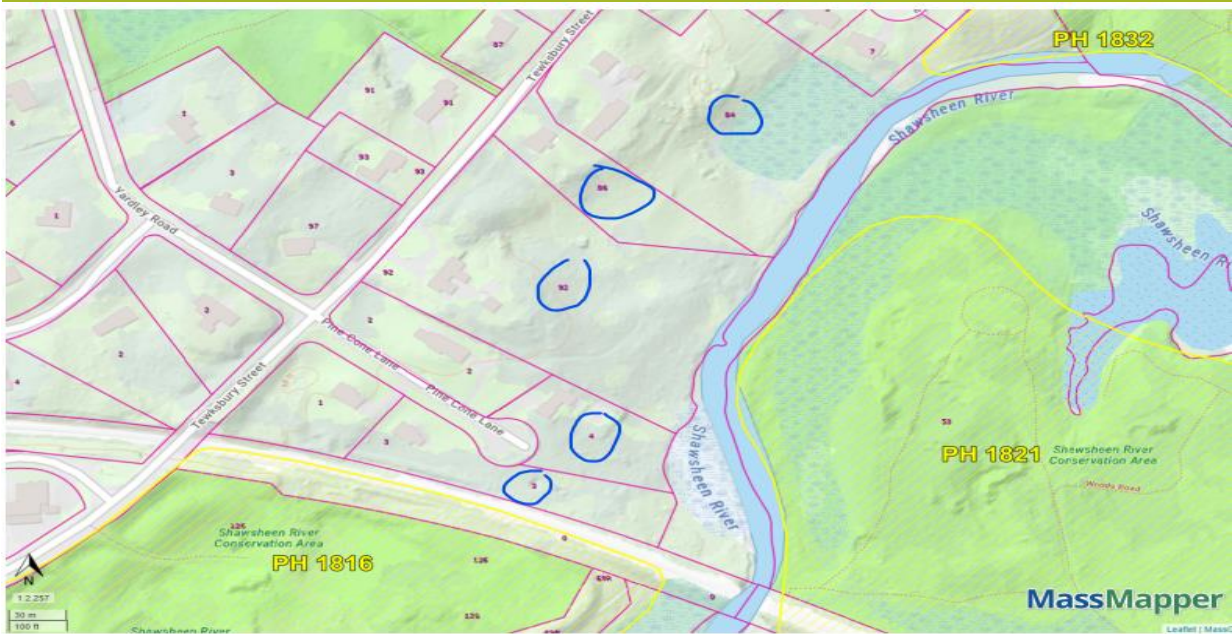
Prioritization

- Based on five values
- Reflect social, cultural, and conservation value of land
- 1. Contiguity with open space
 - Wildlife corridors, invasive species prevention, flood mitigation.
- 2. Ecological integrity
 - NHESP priority habitat, threatened species, natural resources
- 3. Recreational, historical, cultural value
 - Resources that are intrinsically valuable to us
- 4. Climate resiliency
 - Storm water attenuation, carbon sequestration
- 5. Public good
 - Land that is accessible to many or will provide for a public good.



Prioritization Strategy

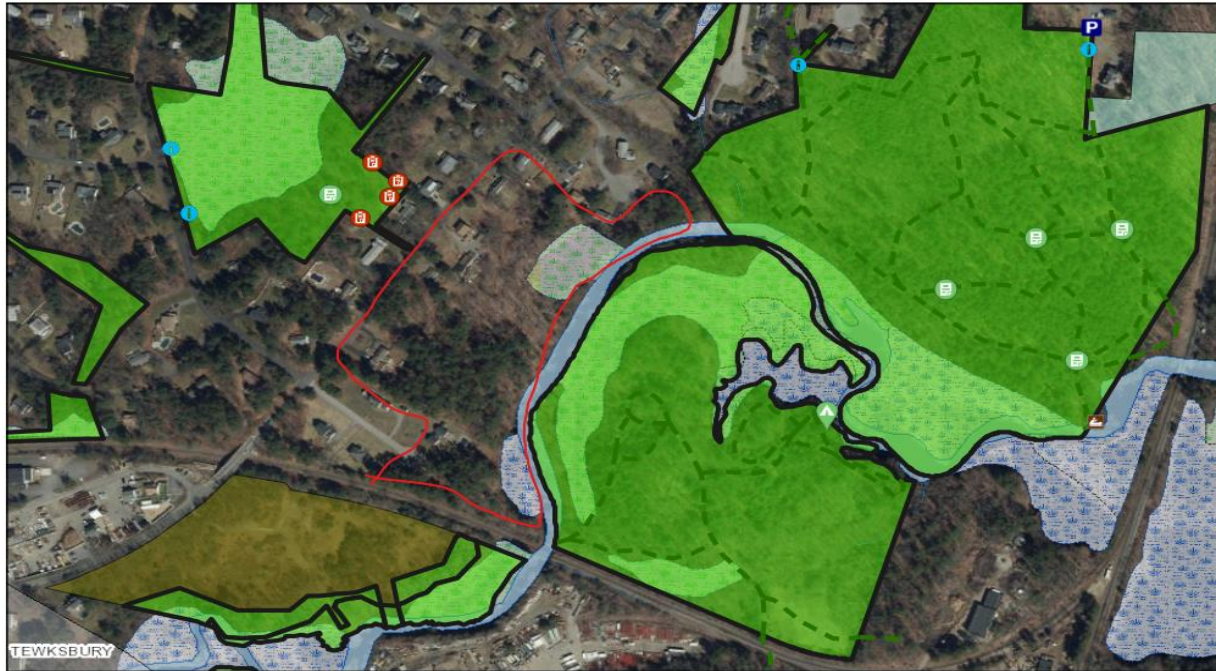
- Parcels fell into two broad categories with sub-section
 1. Shawsheen and Merrimac River
 - Upper and Lower Shawsheen
 - Merrimac River
 2. Contiguous Land
 - North Andover
 - Ballardvale/Pomp's Pond adjacent
- Assessed each section and each parcel based on values
- **Areas around the Shawsheen are of highest value and should be first priority**



Top 5 Parcels

1. 92 Tewksbury Street
2. 84 Tewksbury Street
3. 86 Tewksbury Street
4. 3 and 4 Pine Cone Lane

- Wetlands, riparian forest, pine-oak woodland
- Adjacent to NHESP Priority habitat
- Contiguous with multiple conservation properties
- provide flood barrier for houses Tewksbury Road
- Potential for riverside recreation
- Possible historic sites of indigenous peoples in Andover



Tewksbury St. Parcels

92 Tewksbury St.



86 Tewksbury St



84 Tewksbury St.



Pine Cone Lane Parcels

4 Pine Cone Lane



3 Pine Cone Lane





First Priority: 92 Tewksbury Street

- 4.38 Acres
- Owned by: Frank Froburg
- Largest of the five parcels
- Most undeveloped open space
- Diversity of habitat



Landowner Outreach

- We can begin the process of establishing a relationship with landowners
 - When they're selling land, they can think of us
 - Long and short term strategy
- Periodically reach out to 'keep the door open'
 1. First Contact: Landowner outreach letter
 2. Second Contact: Site visit to walk the land, discuss land owners goals, and potential conservation options (fee acquisition, CR etc)
 3. Third Contact: discuss a plan for future land use

THANK YOU!
