

TOWN OF SUPERIOR
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND MASTER PLAN

*APPENDIX C: OPEN SPACE ATTRIBUTE SCORE
WORKSHEET*

**Town of Superior - Open Space Advisory Committee
Observation Worksheet**

Date: _____ Worksheet #: _____
 Map: _____ Parcel: _____
 Observer(s): _____

Category	Attribute	High Quality (10)	Medium Quality (5)	Low / No Quality (0)	Score
Aesthetic	Buffer Potential	Provides buffer to high quality habitat or well buffered by other OS	Provides buffer to low quality habitat, is marginally buffered by other OS	Does not provide habitat buffer nor buffered by other OS	
	Buffers and Greenbelts	Protects or expands an existing buffer	Could potentially create a buffer	No buffer potential	
	Clean air	Air is completely undisturbed, fresh and clean	Air is somewhat dirty by traffic or pollution	Air is very dirty by heavy traffic or pollution	
	Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses	High potential for compatibility with adjacent land uses	Manageable compatibility with adjacent land uses	Little or no compatibility with adjacent land uses	
	Cultural and Historic Resource	Protects existing historic features	Historic site, but no existing historic features	No historic or cultural significance	
	Light Pollution	Dark with intense views of the night sky	Some light pollution with good views of the night sky	Very bright and no view of the night sky	
	Quiet	Area is very quiet and undisturbed by noise	Area is somewhat quiet with some noise	Area is very noisy	
	Visual Quality (Views)	Highly scenic and / or provides scenic views	Moderately scenic or some scenic views	No potential scenic value	

Management	Large tract	Parcel is a large land tract		Parcel is not a large land tract	
	Level of threats to existing resources	Imminently threatened by development not compatible with OS use	Foreseeable, but not imminent, threat of development not compatible with OS	No foreseeable threat of development not compatible with OS use	
	Partial usage / conservation easement	Portions of the parcel would be highly desirable to being partially used as Open Space / Conservation Easement.	Small portion(s) of this parcel may serve well being Open Space or a Conservation Easement	No parts of this parcel are conducive to being used as Open Space	
	Restoration Potential	Property can be easily restored to it's Natural state and would provide great value to town if restored	Property would require effort to be restored to it's Natural state and would provide great value to	Property would be difficult or cost prohibitive to restore to it's Natural state and may	

	Proximity and Access	Easy access or close proximity to trails or other recreational opportunities	Potential access or close proximity to trails or other recreational opportunities	No access or proximity to trails or other recreational opportunities	
	Regional draw	Physical environment intact, disturbance factor completely manageable	Physical environment moderately disturbed, partial management control	Physical environment severely disturbed, not under management control	
	Suitability for Passive Use	Suitable for several passive uses	Suitable for one or a few passive uses	Not suitable for any passive uses	

Vegetation	Mature Tree Stands	Extensive, diverse stands of mature vegetation	Few, small stands of mature vegetation	No stands of mature vegetation	
	Natural Communities	Occupied by diverse native plant communities	Occupied by moderately diverse, native and non-native plant communities	Occupied by low diversity non-native plant communities	
	Noxious Weeds	Not infested with noxious weeds	Small / few infestations of noxious weeds	Dominated by noxious weeds	
	Pristine Quality	Overall the land appears to be in a natural state with no noxious weeds	Overall the land is in good condition with few weeds and many natural features	Overall the land is in poor condition, heavily grazed and/or lots of weeds	
	Riparian Vegetation	Diverse, high quality riparian vegetation present	Low quality, disturbed riparian vegetation	No riparian vegetation present	
	Wetlands	Diverse, high quality wetlands present	Low quality / few wetlands present	No wetlands present	

Water	Aquifer Recharge Area	Provides important or extensive aquifer recharge	Provides unimportant or small aquifer recharge	Does not provide aquifer recharge areas	
	Surface Water	High quality surface waters present	Low quality surface waters present	No surface waters present	

Wildlife	Habitat Diversity	Provides a diverse set of wildlife habitats	Provides one or only a few types of wildlife habitats	Provides poor, non diverse wildlife habitats	
	Migration Corridor / Connectivity	Provides direct connectivity between parcels of wildlife habitat	Provides partial connectivity between nearby parcels of wildlife habitat	Does not provide wildlife habitat connectivity	
	T&E / Species of Concern	Occupied or high potential T&E species habitat	Low quality potential T&E species habitat	No potential T&E species habitat	