


Oak Park Conservancy District Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) Site Planning and Design Practices (SPD's)	SPD-02.5
Activity: Open-Space Preservation	

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS: Planning: Required Training: Required Recommended Personnel Involvement: Town Engineer Town Attorney Developers IDEM IDNR	
Target Pollutants	
Significant ♦ Partial ♦ Low or Unknown ◇	
Sediment ♦ Heavy Metals ◇ Nutrients ◇ Oxygen Demanding Substances ◇ Toxic Materials ◇ Oil & Grease ◇ Bacteria & Viruses ◇ Floatable Materials ◇ Construction Waste ◇	

Description	An open space conservation program involving a combination of method merging long-range planning with an opportunistic action approach. Those methods include: outright purchase of land at full or "bargain-sale" prices; establishment of permanent Conservation Restrictions through gift or purchase; exercise of the local first refusal right; limited development purchases; and others.
Suitable Applications	When prime open space in a community becomes available the opportunity to create blocks or greenbelts of local conservation land should be taken advantage of by the community.
Planning Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land preserved through acquisition, deed restriction, or other methods should be representative of each major land or habitat type within the town, and should be joined to form connecting corridors wherever possible. ➤ A multi-faceted local approach to the preservation of open space requires the support of Town Meetings, a willingness to work with local or regional land trusts, the existence of a working open space plan, and the maintenance of a healthy conservation fund.