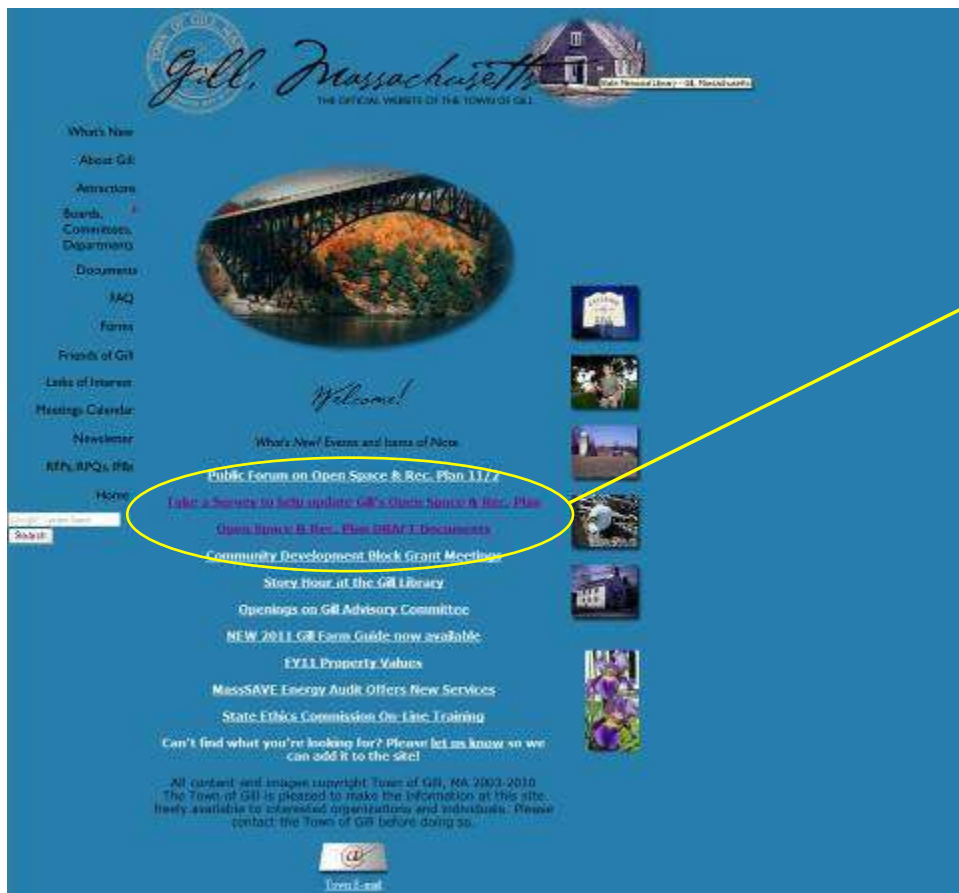


Section 10: Public Comment

Public feedback was sought throughout the entire open space and recreation planning process. A public forum was held on November 2, 2011 to receive comments on the Gill Open Space and Recreation Plan's Vision Statement and Goals and Objectives.

Draft sections of the OSRP were posted on the Town's website throughout the planning process and members of all Town Boards and Committees were notified of their location and were asked to comment. Letters of support were received from several entities and are included in the Appendix H.



The Town's website was updated regularly with OSRP planning information and documents.

Public feedback provided during the entire planning process is difficult to document due to the fact that the plan constantly incorporated these changes and enhancements.

Public input was gathered via the Public Survey. Along with answering specific questions, the public was given the opportunity to offer general comments as well. Those comments are shown in Section 7.

Public Comments recorded at the Public Forum on November 2, 2011:

- Edit action items including:

- Add Conservation Commission as responsible party to help evaluate and prioritize open space for protection
- Encourage home-based businesses as way to improve economic development with low impact to land use and land development
- Consider types of potential commercial and industrial businesses compatible with Town's other goals
- Offer resources to help residents start small businesses
- Establish a committee to help identify types of businesses needed in Gill
- Identify ways to balance open space preservation with commercial and industrial development to help provide a broader tax base.

The Action Plan includes additional surveys of the Town on various topics. It is hoped these additional surveys will help further clarify the needs of citizens. The successful implementation of this Plan will depend upon involvement of citizen volunteers to help the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee complete many of the action items included in the Action Plan.