

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC REVIEW

DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WATATIC MOUNTAIN RESERVATION ASHBY AND ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

A partnership between two land trusts (Ashby Land Trust and Ashburnham Conservation Trust), two towns (Ashby and Ashburnham) and two state agencies (Department of Conservation and Recreation and Department of Fish and Game) resulted in the acquisition of this 280-acre reservation in 2002. Funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund necessitates the preparation of a management plan for the property, with the participation of all six partners.

The draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) documents and assesses existing conditions and provides a framework for coordinated management of the reservation. The managing partners will present an overview of the RMP and invite public comment at a public meeting.

Date:	April 25, 2007
Time:	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location:	Ashburnham Town Hall
	Meeting Hall (upstairs)
	32 Main Street

Written public comment is welcome and can be sent via U.S. Postal Service to:

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Or by email: andy.backman@state.ma.us

The deadline for submitting public comment is 5 p.m. on May 9, 2007

A copy of the draft plan is available on the Department of Conservation and Recreation's **Resource Management Program web site at**

http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp/rmp-Watatic.htm

For more information on the project, please contact Andy Backman, Resource Management Planner, (508) 278-0789 or andy.backman@state.ma.us.

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