

Puffer's Pond Public Forum--October 24, 2009
Family Center, North Congregational Church 1:00 p.m.

Pond	
concern	Water quality
concern	sedimentation
concern	plant growth
concern	Erosion/Beaver
concern	dredging
concern	boating/kayaking regulations
love	fishing (from shore)
love	Swimming across pond
Road	
idea	Regulated parking @ Pond
idea	close road (State St)
idea	pedestrian mall
idea	bike path
idea	Other expanded parking
idea	Gravel Pit parking area
concern	Dangerous road/corner by dam
concern	walking
concern	parking
concern	possible increase traffic/parking @ Pulpit Hill
concern	Mill River Area Parking
Beach	
Idea	Should dogs be allowed at all
Idea	Make beach larger
Idea	Regulate use more
Idea	More signs (Beware of snapping turtles)
Concern	Too many dogs (at the wrong time)
Concern	Dog walkers don't respect rules
Concern	Too many people
Concern	Visitors from out of town
Concern	Better beach maintenance
Concern	but not too much
Concern	Pond is being loved to death
Paths	
Idea	need regulation
Idea	Explanation as to their damage might improve compliance
Idea	Add trails to access swimming holes upstream from Pond
Idea	might decrease pressure on Pond itself
Concern	Walking all the way around Pond requires walking on the road which is dangerous
Concern	Trail maintenance
Concern	Poison Ivy
Concern	Snakes
Concern	Ad-hoc trails, notably from Pulpit Hill
Concern	indicate desire
Love	(View from) bridge
General Ideas	
Operations	More staff
Operations	Rest rooms
Operations	Close State Street East of Sand Hill rd
Operations	Move main beach to the north side of Pond or west to other point
Operations	More parking
Use	"Develop" North Beach area for picnicking and swimming
Use	Complete the trail to go all the way around the Pond
Use	Extend greenway corridor even so far as into neighboring towns
Use	Set up interpretive activities
Use	Alllow nude bathing after 10pm
Revenue	Get service organizations involved in caring for th Pond area; scouts, etc
Revenue	Tikki Bar on the dam
Revenue	Get Umass outing clubs involved in caring for the Pond area.
Revenue	Revenue generating events
Revenue	Charge for parking
Revenue	Micro-hydro for dam
Revenue	Business sponsorship of trails