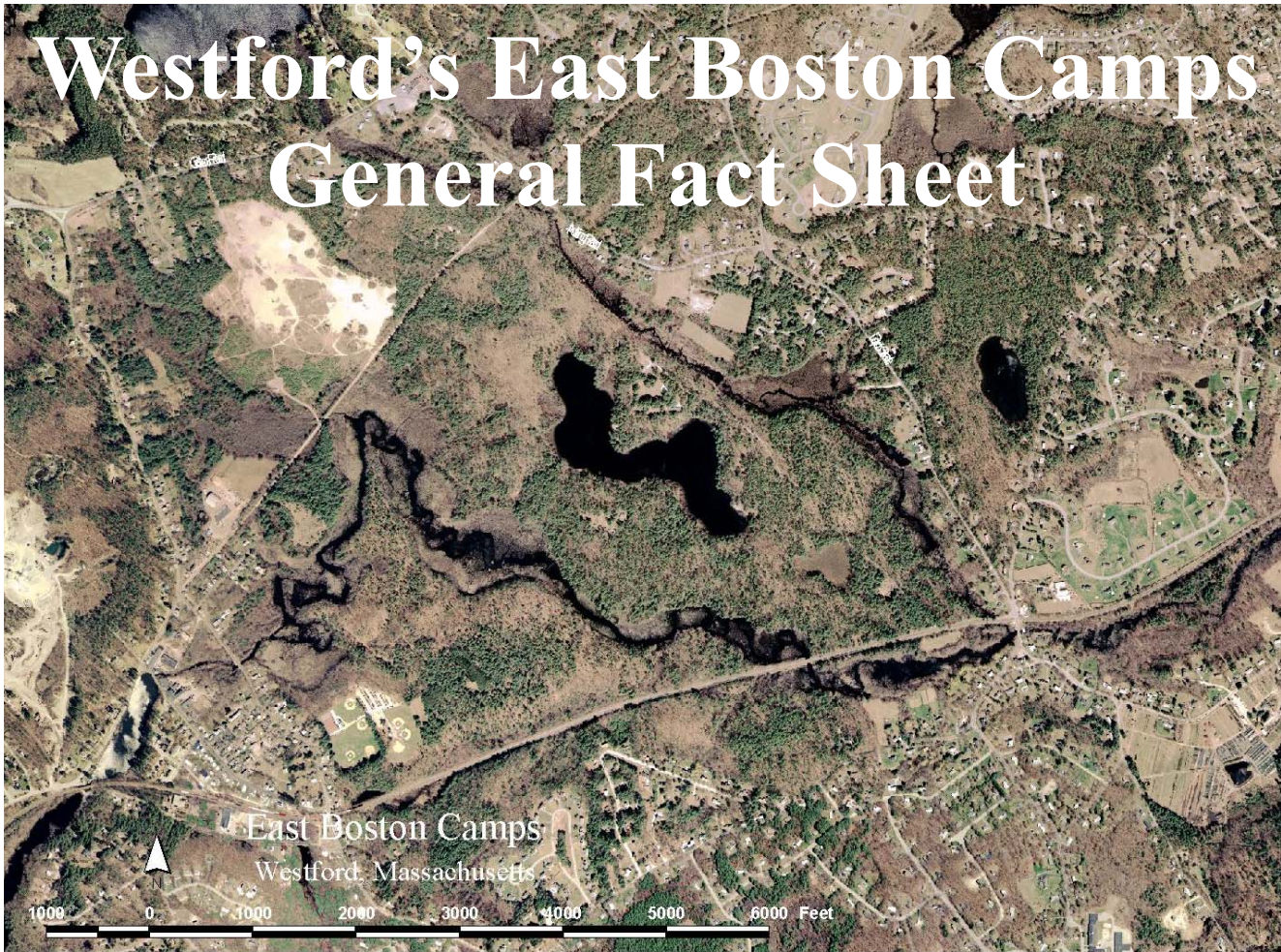


Westford's East Boston Camps General Fact Sheet



- **Set up in 1937** as a “Fresh Air Camp” for kids from East Boston and Chelsea. (see www.ebcwestford.net/history.php for more history details)
- **286 acres off Depot Street in Westford**, including Stony Brook, Keyes Brook, Burge’s Pond, vernal ponds, associated wetlands, forested uplands and the site of a summer camp.
- **Important aquifer** for town’s municipal wells, which provide nearly 1.4 million gallons per day of drinking water for the town’s residents
- **Land purchased by town** in 2005 spear-headed by the Westford Land Preservation Foundation (WLPF), the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Community Preservation Committee, a water grant, and \$450,000 in private donations.
- Agreements made at the time of purchase included an on-going effort by the Town to try to include both **local and low-income campers if it decides to continue camping** in the future.
- **Master Plan** for future use of the East Boston Camps is being prepared and will be completed before the May 2007 town meeting.
- Summary of **Existing Rules & Regulations**
 - ◊ Hours: 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset
 - ◊ Do not disturb, or destroy any facility, plant or wildlife.
 - ◊ For security reasons, there is no public access to camp areas when camp is in session.
 - ◊ Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult.
 - ◊ Park motor vehicles in designated areas only.
 - ◊ No motorized devices or watercraft.
 - ◊ Possession or consumption of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
 - ◊ Discharge of firearms is prohibited.



- ◇ Pack-it-in/Pack-it-out.
- ◇ Glass and metal containers are not allowed.
- ◇ Fires are allowed only with a permit.
- ◇ No lifeguards on duty, swim at your own risk.
- ◇ Prohibited activities: paintball, hunting, golf, and storage of personal property
- ◇ Activities allowed by permit: camping and entry into buildings.

For complete Rules & Regulations see: www.ebcwestford.net/rules.php

The **East Boston Camps Master Planning Committee** meets every other Thursday at 7:30 AM (contact Town Manager's Office at 978 692-5501 for next date & location). Please feel free to join us, we welcome your comments.

Throughout the public meeting process prior to the purchase of East Boston Camps, many citizens spoke with a common voice asking to have the property remain "AS IS."

Before the committee can make any recommendation to the citizens of Westford, a baseline analysis must be undertaken.

With ownership comes care and custody responsibility and the EBC Master Planning Committee will begin its work by obtaining a solid understanding of what "as is" really means.

Purchase Agreement Restriction at the time of purchase, a legally-binding conservation restriction specified the following.

Permitted Uses:

- Conservation
- Protection of water recharge areas and maintenance of quality and quantity of surface and groundwater resources
- Active and passive recreation
- Operation of existing camp and use for environmental education
- Future municipal water supply well(s)



Prohibited Actions and Uses:

- Use for industrial, commercial, or residential purposes
- Construction or placement of certain structures or facilities inconsistent with permitted uses
- Removing of soil, gravel or other mineral resources or natural deposits
- Disposal or storing of wastes or materials
- Cutting, removal or destruction of trees or other vegetation except for normal maintenance or in accordance with a forest man-



For more information see the Westford East Boston Camps web page at www.ebcwestford.net/.