22. Natural Area

**Definition**

A substantial area of natural preserve where access is possible without the provision of formal paths.

**Size**

Minimum width of 50 feet per location and a minimum total area of 200 square feet per dwelling unit, no less than 5,000 square feet total area.

**Possible Activities**

Hiking, exploration and nature study

**Design Criteria**

Natural areas are woodlands, wetlands, ponds, marshes or meadows.

These areas should be accessible from a public street, public trail or pedestrian path or common land.

The area should be cleared of man-made debris, exotic invasive species.

Provide routine care for edge conditions and access points.

Portions of the area should be passable and walkable. Peoples’ Choice Paths should be maintained.

**Supply Values**

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