

## Guest Perspective – Brainstorming Names for Belmont’s Open Space

Indeed Belmont is only four square miles, and is only six miles from Boston, but we also can enjoy the benefits of nature right here at home.

Did you know that:

- the people of Belmont own nearly 100 acres of protected conservation land, consisting of lush meadows, historic stone walls, thick hardwood forests, scenic vistas, wooded canopies and protected wetlands?
- the land boasts miles of public access trails that connect to more than a thousand acres of open space along the Western Greenway?
- you could walk or even bike on selected trails for a few hours without seeing houses or roads, while getting a great workout?
- this land is open and available for you to explore from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year?
- the land is forever protected from development by conservation restrictions?

This particular parcel of land is shaped roughly like a triangle, located between Concord Avenue, Pleasant Street and Mill Street, with access points on each. It was acquired from McLean Hospital several years ago and is managed and maintained by volunteers called the McLean Land Management Committee.

The Committee is undertaking a brainstorming exercise as it considers potential names for the open space property, noteworthy areas of the property, entrances, trails and distinguishing features. We’d love your help:

We encourage you to wander around this gorgeous property and consider what you see around you. Send your naming ideas to us. If a particular word, feature or descriptive phrase strikes you, please send it on. If you have a personal association with the property or its history or memory to share, please send it on.

All ideas are welcome and wanted. Please send your ideas by October 31<sup>st</sup> to the McLean Land Management Committee at: [rpichette@burnslev.com](mailto:rpichette@burnslev.com) or LMC c/o Rich Pichette at 613 Pleasant St, Belmont, MA 02478.

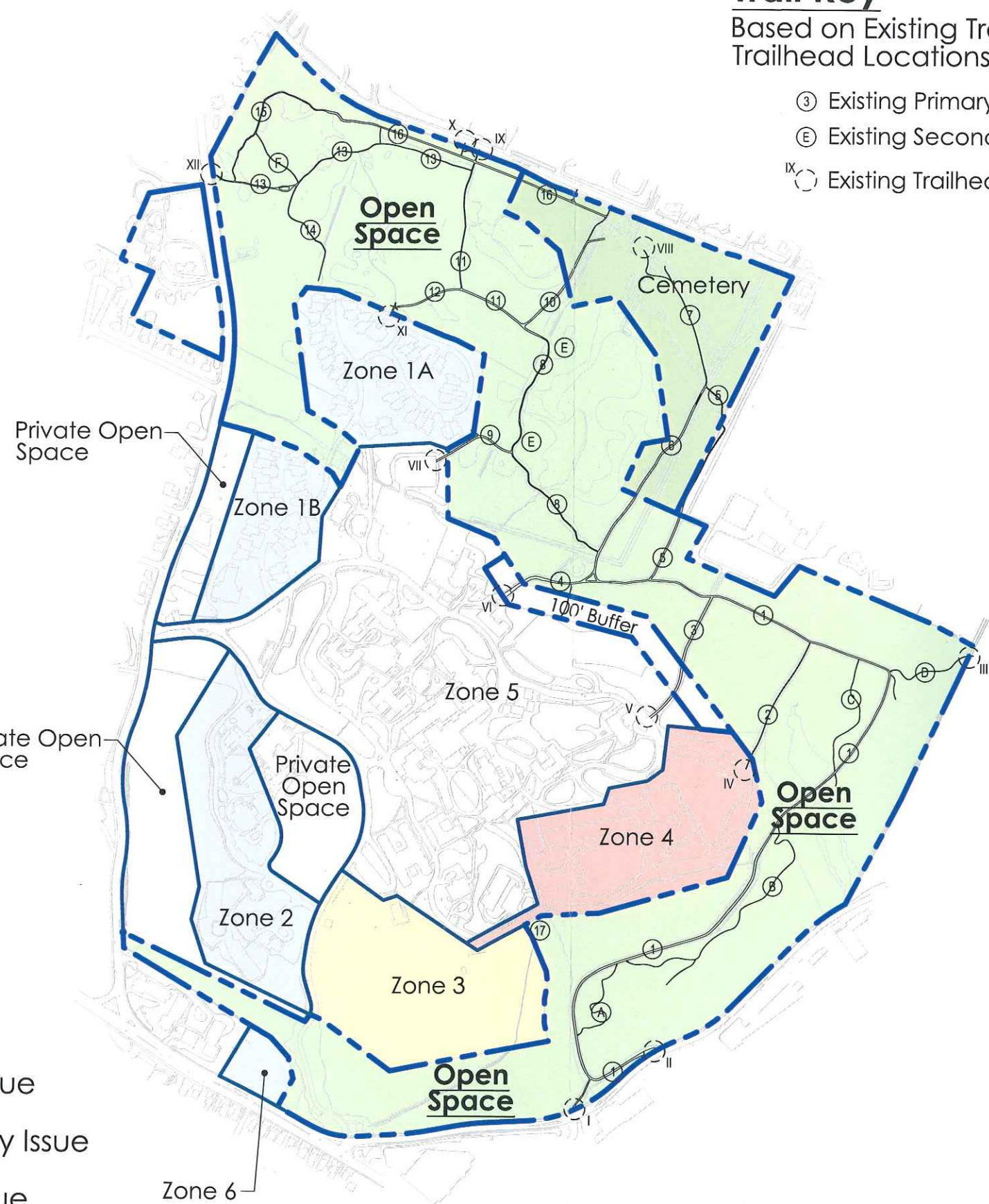
The Land Management Committee will consider all submitted suggestions as it moves ahead with the exercise of naming features, trails, etc. We are grateful for your participation.

A trail map is available on the Belmont town website: [www. Belmont-ma.gov](http://www.Belmont-ma.gov), then select Boards, Committees, Commissions, and finally select McLean Land Management Committee, and the trails map.

# Trail Key

Based on Existing Trail and Trailhead Locations

- ③ Existing Primary Trail
- ⓔ Existing Secondary Trail
- Ⓧ Existing Trailhead



North

