

**Amherst Conservation Advisory Council
Dann Lake Park
2007 Action Award**

Dann Lake Park is a 172-acre town park containing a 22-acre lake, several ponds, wetlands and woods. It is a favorite fishing, canoeing, birding, and hiking spot for residents. In August 2007, the Amherst Town Board unanimously approved the Comprehensive Master Plan for Dann Lake Park prepared by the Amherst Conservation Advisory Council (ACAC). This is a major milestone that is over 13 years in the making by the ACAC.

In the early 1990s Sutton Lake Estates (currently Dockside Village) proposed a major housing development centered around a 22-acre lake on 260 acres that they owned in the northeast corner of Amherst. The ACAC voiced strong concerns about this project in regards to potential impacts that this project would have on the lake, wetlands and floodway areas. Over the following years several versions of the project were proposed trying to address these concerns.

In the early 2000s the ACAC worked with the developer to have 172 acres donated to the Town, with the remaining 90 acres being developed. In 2003 the property was donated to the Town, and Dann Lake Town Park was formed. Annual garbage clean-ups and tree planting projects with Boy and Girl Scouts have been coordinated by the ACAC and a Comprehensive Master Plan has been developed. New signage and vehicle barrier gates have been installed. Currently the ACAC is working with the Town in getting a new parking lot constructed, and a handicapped accessible trail from it out to the lake.

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