

# Appendix B

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## Major Features of Harvard's Natural and Cultural Resource Inventory

<u>Resource</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Bare Hill Pond	Classified as a "Great Pond," the 321-acre Bare Hill Pond is one of the town's most significant natural assets. Townspeople regard the beach at Bare Hill Pond as their "Aquatic Common." The Bare Hill Pond watershed consists of 2,365 acres of which 2,060 acres are located in Harvard. It consists of five subwatersheds: Clapp's Brook, Pond Road Inlet, Thurston's Brook, Bowers Brook and Sprague Swamp.
Bennetts Brook/Shaker Village	Significant wetlands system
Black Pond (land and access)	Acquired by the Conservation Commission in 1987 and totaling more than 55 acres, Black Pond and the land surrounding it have been identified as "distinctive" in the Massachusetts Landscape Inventory.
Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area	Located in Harvard, Bolton and Lancaster; managed by DFWELE.
Delaney Wildlife Management Area	The 580-acre parcel is located in Harvard, Bolton, Stow and Boxborough; managed by DFWELE.
Fort Devens Historic District (located in Harvard and Ayer). Roughly bounded by El Cagney and Antietam Streets, Sherman and MacArthur Avenues and Buena Vista Street. The district includes Vicksburg Square and Roger's Field parade grounds.	National Register Historic District est. 1991. Commissioned by the Army, c. 1990, the 300-acre district is located primarily in Harvard and consists of 93 contributing buildings, five sites, one structure and four objects. There are 45 non-contributing buildings in the district.
Frederick Fiske and Gretchen Osgood Warren House. Commonly known as the "Fiske Warren" House, 42 Bolton Road	Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, 1996. The Fiske Warren House dates from 1894 and is located on a 10.6-acre site.
Fruitlands Museum 102 Prospect Hill Road	Massachusetts Historical Landmark est. 1966; National Historic Landmark est. 1974. National Historic Landmark designation includes only one building, Fruitlands, not the entire museum site. Fruitlands is well known as the site of a communal living experiment begun by Amos Bronson Alcott and Charles Lane in 1843.
Fruitlands Museums Historic District 102 Prospect Hill Road	National Register Historic District est. 1997. Designation includes four museums: Fruitlands, the Shaker Museum, the Indian Museum, the Picture Museum, and seven ancillary buildings. The 130-acre site stretches west from Prospect Hill Road to the Boston and Maine Railroad right-of-way and the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge.
Great Elms (land and access)	Owned by Harvard Conservation Trust

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Harvard Center Historic District Includes Ayer Road/Massachusetts Avenue, Still River Road, Elm Street, Lovers Lane, Littleton Road, Old Littleton Road, Oak Hill Road, Cross Street, Fairbanks Street, Old Boston Road, Pond Road, Bolton Road and Warrem Avenue.	National Register Historic District est. 1997. Considered one of Harvard's "special places."
Harvard Common Historic District. Includes the common and abutting properties as well as properties located south of the common to Pond Road.	Local historic district est. 1975. Boundaries included within the Harvard Center National Register Historic District (1997).
Holy Hill	Holy Hill of Zion, located on South Shaker Road, was established by the Shakers as an outdoor worship area commonly referred to as "the Dancing Ground." The land was acquired by the Conservation Commission in 1972.
Horse Meadows	Partially under Conservation Commission protection, Horse Meadows includes a variety of natural features including cliffs, outcrops, rocky basins, woodlands, wetlands and small ponds.
Nashua River, Still River and associated wetlands	Tributary of the Merrimack River. Listed in U.S. E.P.A.'s Priority Wetlands of New England. Included in State DEM's Scenic Rivers Program. Protected by Nashua River Greenspace Buffer Zoning District and partially included in Central Nashua River ACEC.
Oak Hill	Oak Hill is a long, high ridge that runs along Harvard's eastern border. Owing to its fertile soils, Oak Hill contains one of the most "extensive stretches of agricultural land in the town..."
Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge	The wildlife refuge consists of 662 acres (Harvard) and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Pin Hill	Approximately 75 acres, Pin Hill is noted for its historic slate quarries, 19th-century mill features and scenic rock outcroppings.
Robbins Pond, Mirror Lake and Little Mirror Lake	Located at Fort Devens
South Shaker Stone Barn Foundation 99 South Shaker Road	Local historic district est. 1974. Included within the Harvard Shaker Village Historic District, est. 1989. Identified in the National Register inventory as the "South Family Stone Barn foundations," built 1835, collapsed 1975.
Still River Baptist Church 213 Still River Road	Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places, 1996.
Still River Village/Prospect Hill	Still River Village is a small cluster of significantly intact 17th, 18th and 19th-century buildings extending a mile along Still River Road. Although the village has been surveyed, only the Still River Baptist Church at 213 Still River Road is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Prospect Hill, a long ridge overlooking the Nashua River, provides outstanding scenic vistas of Harvard's rural character.

Sources: Harvard Town Plan (1988); Planning for Harvard's Rural Landscape: Case Studies in Historic Conservation (1997, Town of Harvard Open Space and Recreation Plan (1996), VHB, Devens Reuse Plan (1994), MHC, State Register of Historic Places (2000), Dempsey, Comprehensive Inventory of Historic Resources in Harvard (1994-96).