

Open Space Land Use Policy Position Paper

In 2007 the Mill Creek South Board ,adopted a site rehabilitation and naturalization plan, that was ratified by the residents.

The efforts of the grounds committee have been to preserve the forested atmosphere, improve the health of larger trees, reduce erosion and promote slope stability. Natural regeneration has and will continue to be beneficial to the neighborhood, the streams, and retention pond.

Naturalization is a long process of rejuvenating and preserving our existing woodlands. This means that natural species are allowed to thrive and grass cutting is greatly reduced.

In general terms the naturalization will progress along environmental processes, with minimal intervention.

The Goals are:

Preserve as much of the native tree shrub a grassland cover as possible.

Maintain a healthy forest floor litter of humus, with leaves and branches to form a nutrient rich layer of topsoil.

Maintain a high quality eco system that is an appealing suburban/rural environment through the elimination of non-native invasive species on the site

Introduce herbaceous perennials and native grasses that are indigenous to the area

To preserve and attract indigenous wildlife to the site.

Specific ecological succession management practices will be employed over a period time as the regeneration requires.

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