

HAVE THE TOWN AND OTHER ACTORS TAKEN AWAY SO MUCH GREEN SPACE THAT DEER HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO YARDS AND ONTO ROADS?

One commenter on the Comprehensive Plan expressed that concern. However, as the Plan and an Appendix document, Bedford's record of acquiring or gaining development rights to open space in the modern suburban era has been formidable. All told, public and private actors have permanently protected one in four acres in Bedford since WW II. A more advanced open space residential bylaw could help strengthen those efforts.

The deer problem occurs in nearly all suburbs outside Route 128/I-95. It reflects extensive overall development—especially of single-family subdivisions on large lots—which encroaches on former habitat for deer and other wildlife.