The creation of this third publication volume, now as a pocket guide, describing the trails and parks throughout the City of Melrose is the result of a cooperative effort between the Conservation and Parks Commissions. Melrose offers to its residents and visitors a wide array of both active and passive recreational activities. While Melrose is primarily a residential community with over 56% of its land developed for residential purposes, it remains in the model of a garden city with a “greenbelt” separating it from other communities. This greenbelt accounts for 26% of the total city land and includes the Middlesex Fells Reservation, Mount Hood Memorial Park and Golf Facility, as well as areas surrounding Swains Pond, Ell Pond and Towners Pond.

- Robert J. Dolan, Mayor
Statement by Melrose Conservation Commission
Chairperson, Susan Murphy

The aim of the Melrose Conservation Commission is to preserve and develop passive recreation areas within the community that provide opportunities for its residents to enjoy the natural environment. The primary purpose of the Melrose Parks Department is to maintain and further develop active recreation areas in the parks and playgrounds for the enjoyment of its citizens. Both groups work cooperatively to achieve these goals.

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We encourage you to contact the Melrose Conservation Commission with any questions, comments or suggestions for future Open Space and Trail Guide updates.

Melrose offers a range of trail experiences, from neighborhood walks to challenging hikes. We encourage you to explore them all!

NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS

- **Sewall Woods:** An easy to moderate walk; trails are not blazed.
- **Ferdinand Woods:** An easy to moderate set of trails that connect to open space areas in Stoneham and Wakefield; trails are not blazed.
- **West Hill Terrace:** A steep trail to a wooded rocky outcrop; trails are not blazed.

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