



**Open Space Committee Meeting  
Watershed Management Area 4  
October 16, 2001  
NBCUA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Minutes
3. Open Space Criteria Discussion Questions, comments, etc.
4. Suggestions for presentations
5. Adjourn

Suggestions from the last meeting for potential speakers were Bob Keskus from NJDEP and the Bob Aberdimarco.

## **Classifications of vacant properties:**

Class A: Highly protective of water quality, may be preserved as 'open space'

Natural areas

Undeveloped

Unmodified

Forest, meadow, wetland, waterbody

Class B: Generally protective of water quality, may be classified as 'open space'

Passive recreation areas

Parks

Greenways

Class C: May be protective of water quality, depending on management

Active recreation areas

Utility right-of-ways

Golf courses

Cemeteries

Ball fields

Brownfields (remediated but not developed)

Class D:

College Campuses

Institutions

Churches

Residential with 5 acre zoning

Corporate Parks w/ open space

Residential development with open space

Class E:

Razed Buildings

Brownfields

**Open Space Criteria:**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Why/what?</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Score/ranking</b>
Recharge areas	How much water does this area recharge per year? Maintenance of baseflow and groundwater	> 19 inches /year	
		15 – 19 inches /year	
		10-14 inches/year	
		5-9 inches /year	
		< 5 inches /year	
Drinking water source areas	Are there potable water intakes? How close? What is the distance to the nearest headwater?		
Steep slopes	Are the slopes steep enough to cause increased erosion when disturbance occurs? What is the steepest on-site slope?	<del>Steepest on-site slope</del> Average Slope	
		Greater than 15%	
		12 – 15%	
		8 – 12 %	
		Less than 8%	
Wellhead protection areas	How close is the area to a designated WHPA?	Within Tier 1 – PCW	
		Within Tier 2 – PCW	
		Within Tier 3 – PCW	
		Within Tier 1 or 2 for PNCW	
		Domestic wells Within Tier 3 for PNCW	
Waterbodies	Is there a waterbody on the site? (drinking water or vernal pools)	Linear feet of stream, presence or absence	
Flood plains	Does the site flood on a regular basis? How many square feet of floodplain are there on-site?	Flood hazard area – floodway	
		Flood hazard area – flood fringe	
		Within 10, 20 or 100 year flood plain?	

		How many square feet of floodplain?	
Riparian corridors	How close to a waterbody?	Riparian corridor within 50 feet of waterbody	
		Riparian corridor within 100 feet of waterbody	
		Riparian corridor 100-200 feet of waterbody	
Wetlands	How many square feet of wetlands are there on the site? What is the resource value classification?	Total square feet of wetland? Resource value classification?	
		Freshwater wetland	
		Regulated FW wetland transition area	
Forest, wetland or grassland conservation areas			
Endangered and threatened species	How many T&E species have been documented on-site?		
Provides unique physical/environmental characteristics			
Proximity to other open space			
Suitable for recreation			
Development pressure			
Relation to other planning efforts			
Support from other groups			
Costs	Market value compared to open space value		
Donations			