South Portland, ME - The Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC) will be holding a public forum concerning the tiering of unimproved open space parcels currently owned by the City of South Portland (City) via the Zoom meeting platform on Tuesday, June 30th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The OSIC was created when the South Portland Open Space Plan was approved by City Council on August 13, 2019 and appended to the City’s 2012 Comprehensive Plan. Section 9 of the Open Space Plan outlines an implementation process, with the Conservation Commission overseeing implementation of the plan. One of the tasks of the OSIC was a classification process of a three-tiered protection system for unimproved City-owned properties. These properties can be found in all neighborhoods throughout the city. The OSIC completed this task and presented the work to the South Portland City Council via a workshop held on March 5, 2020. City councilors requested that the tiering process be presented for public input prior to finalization.

All residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the tiering process and to provide the OSIC with input. Residents are the ones who understand the value of each open space parcel located in their respective neighborhoods. Their input and opinions are invaluable to planning efforts and the protection of the limited open spaces left in our city. The link to the Zoom meeting can be found here: https://zoom.us/j/99429348473

For further information or to review available documents, click on this link to the City of South Portland website https://www.southportland.org/our-city/board-and-committees/open-space-implementation-committee/ You may also contact Sharon Newman, Chair of the OSIC at snewman@ preti.com