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## Green space: what the candidates had to say

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**Boone:** "I think we need to take a common-sense and dollars-and-cents approach. We can't simply go buy all the land. I'd like to see us do everything we can up to the point of raising taxes. Building relationships with developers and private owners will be important."

— In response to where he stands on city funding for green space

**Crossley:** "If we were going to raise taxes to purchase a property, we'd have to make sure citizens were all in favor of that move. It's the type of issue that would have to be put to a referendum."

— When asked to identify a piece of land that would be worth raising property taxes in order for the city to acquire

**Dunn:** "A lot of our existing green space — land that the public has access to — has been gained through our OSRD (Open Space Residential Development) zoning. ... Through the natural processes that are already in place, a lot of land will be preserved."

**Kane:** "We can learn from other people. Harlinsdale Park (in Franklin) will be built without property taxes being raised one dime. A hotel tax bought that 200 acres."

**Ross:** "I'm very much in favor of creating a green-space commission, similar to the historic commission. I think it can help with some of the problems we have here, if done properly. The commission would investigate what's available and make recommendations to the city."

**Sweeney:** "I think we have to continue working closely with developers to save our green space. The land for our beautiful new Owl Creek Park was donated by a developer."

**Youree:** "I think we could do more to publicize (parks and greenways) by working with the media more and helping to generate story ideas. We could hold events for children on bike trails, organize parades and other events to bring people out. I doubt very seriously that people are aware of the extent of our bike trails."

— In response to what he would do to make the public more aware of parks and greenways

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