

## NEW CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS FOR OLD LANDFILL

New Conservation Restrictions are required by the MA State Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program to protect the habitat of the endangered Grasshopper Sparrow, which nests on the Old Landfill site. The new Conservation Restrictions will be overseen in perpetuity by **Kestrel Land Trust**.

The following is a list of changes at the Old Landfill to ensure the protection of the Grasshopper Sparrow habitat:

**Fence:** The State requires a 6-foot high fence to be installed around the perimeter of the Old Landfill to protect the Grasshopper Sparrow. These grassland birds need undisturbed space, meaning no people, no dogs year-round, not just during their breeding season.

**Perimeter Trail:** A new walking trail will be created around the perimeter of the new fence, with an overlook for bird-watching.

**Sledding Hill:** The area containing the "sledding hill" lies outside the landfill, so it will not be included in the fenced area and will not be affected by the Conservation Restrictions.

**Robert Frost Trail:** This hiking trail is outside the perimeter of the landfill, and therefore, will not be affected by Conservation Restrictions.

**Dog Park:** A separately fenced dog park is being considered by the Amherst Dog Park Task Force for the area near the Old Belchertown Road entrance to the Old Landfill.