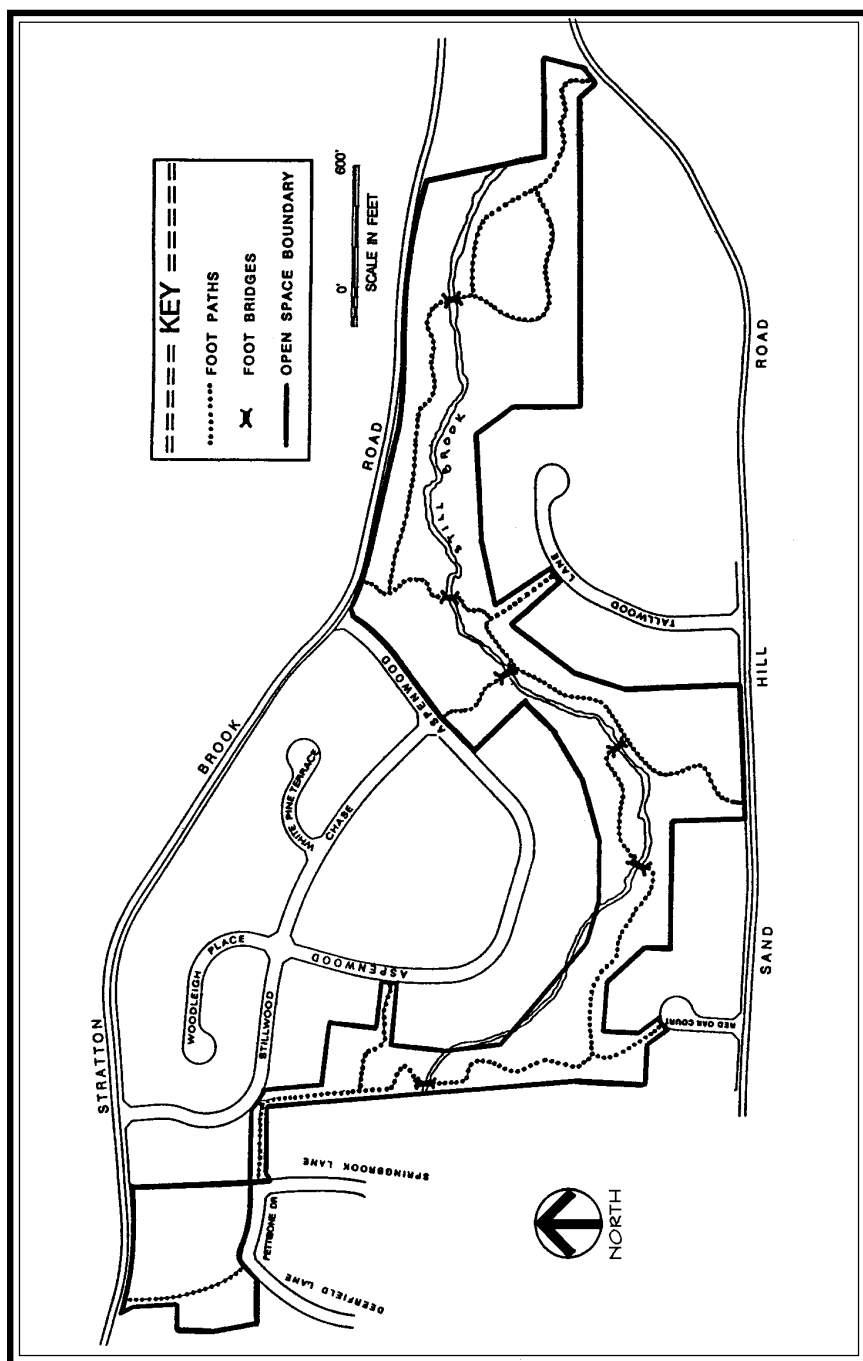


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The town-owned Still Brook Open Space consists of 47.5 acres of mixed coniferous and deciduous forest between Stratton Brook and Sand Hill Roads, and contains about 1.1 miles of a seasonal stream called Still Brook.

The 2.5 miles of trails provide a variety of walking experiences and surfaces. All of the trails as they leave the streets are paved for varying distances with stone dust or asphalt, then continue as unimproved trails. The open space is generally lower than the surrounding neighborhoods, with steeper paths on entering which level out as they parallel the brook. Despite their close proximity to the residential neighborhoods, the trails are refreshingly quiet and private. There are six wooden footbridges across Still Brook and three boardwalks where the trail traverses wet terrain. Bordering the brook visitors can see distinct belts of vegetation. The belt of skunk cabbage edges the stream with a belt of cinnamon fern above it. The wetland also contains a variety of tall grasses. This area is home to deer, raccoons, chipmunks, and grouse.

There are several access points from the surrounding roads, all marked with the standard town open space stone pillars on either side.

