

NEWARK, VERMONT

TOWN PLAN

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I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Title 24, VSA, Chapter 117, Section 4325 and 4381, the Newark Planning Commission has prepared this Municipal Development Policy. The goal of this plan is to provide recommendations and direction for future actions by all Local and State Governmental Agencies in regard to the future area development which may have an impact on the character of the town of Newark.

In the preparation of this plan, the Newark Planning Commission has considered the following factors: 1) existing land use, 2) community facilities, services and resources, 3) natural resource factors, 4) population, and 5) the opinions of the taxpayers of Newark as expressed in the 1990 Newark Planning Commission Questionnaire.

VISION STATEMENT

Newark is a rural town with a beautiful natural setting. Woodlands, open fields, hills and pristine ponds and streams make Newark a very unique and pleasant community to visit and live in. The environment is clean and healthy. It is these characteristics which the Town of Newark intends to protect and preserve in the future.

NEWARK PROFILE

Newark is the northernmost Town in Caledonia County. Its square outline is set diagonally across a North-South ridge leaving the East and West Corners in valleys. The Town is mostly woodland and has never had a population of more than 679, that peak being reached nearly 100 years ago. By 1930 the population was below 100. During the 1960's the population started to increase to the 1970 level of 141. The population in 1996 is close to 425.

Newark was chartered August 15, 1781 to William Wall along with 69 other shareholders by the then Republic of Vermont. James Ball is said to be the first settler, having cleared the land in 1795 and settled with his family in 1797. The 1875 map of Newark shows 13 school districts. By 1950 the number of schools had been reduced to two and today Newark supports only one school, located in the center of Town on Newark Street.

SOIL, BEDROCK AND SLOPE

According to a General Soil Map by the Soil Conservation Service over half of Newark's land falls into one or more of the following four categories: 1) Unfavorable depth to bedrock, less than 20 to 40 inches, 2) Excess soil wetness, 3) Unfavorable topography, mainly excessively steep slope, and 4) Unfavorable rate of movement of water through soil. These factors leave relatively little acreage suitable for dense or even sparse housing development. Furthermore, per State Subdivision Regulations, lots of 10 acres or less must "demonstrate capability" for on-site sewage disposal.

NEWARK'S NEIGHBORS

Newark is bordered by the Towns of Westmore, Ferdinand, Sutton, Burke, East Haven and Brighton. These Towns are also rural in nature and their Town Plans are very similar in content to Newark's with the exception that all have Zoning By-Laws. The fact that Newark does not have Zoning By-Laws may become a factor in the future development of the Town. This possibility will be studied by the Newark Selectmen and The Newark Planning Commission.

Newark's Selectmen and Planning Commission are active in keeping current with the area's development plans and issues by participating in monthly Planning meetings, by attending various planning related workshops offered by such agencies as the State of Vermont and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Newark is also a strong supporter of the Northeastern Vermont Development Association and stays abreast of regional development plans and issues.

It is felt that Newark's Town Plan and the Plans of the surrounding Towns and Region are compatible and we do not anticipate any negative impacts at this time.

II. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND LANDS

The Town of Newark owns four buildings: The Newark Street School, the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Hall and the Town Garage. These buildings are situated on a twelve acre parcel located just North of the Crossroads of Newark Street and Schoolhouse Road (TH 17 & 27).

The Town Clerk's Office was built in 1973-1974 and has 560 square feet of floor area. The Office consists of three rooms, the Clerk's Office, the Document Vault and the Conference Room. The building is heated by electricity and is in very good condition. The Conference Room is used for meetings by the Selectmen, Planning Commission, other Town groups and also for Election Day polling. The area surrounding the building was landscaped in the summers of 1990 and 1991 by the Bicentennial Committee. Its' landscaping has been continued and improved by interested citizens of the Town. The building is also handicap accessible.

The Newark Street School was constructed in 1980 and a description of it will be found under Education.

The Town Garage was constructed in 1986. It is a 40' x 100', five bay metal structure housing the Town trucks, grader and two fire trucks. The Fire Department bay has been used for Town Meetings, School Plays, etc. due to a lack of space at the school, but this will be remedied in the future; further detail under the Education Section.

The oldest building owned by the Town is the Town Hall which is in disrepair. The lower level has been converted into a much needed recycling center. A new asphalt paved floor was laid a new door was installed on the North Side for easier access from the dumpster area in the Fall of 1990. The outside was repainted in the summer of 1991 by volunteers for the Town's Bicentennial Celebration. A new overhead door was installed in 1996 for easier removal of the recycled material and also to provide better heat retention during the Winter.

The Newark Union Church is owned by the pew holders and is available for weddings, funerals, etc. It is used annually for the Old Home Day Celebration. The Bicentennial Committee planted roses and lilacs around it in 1991.

The State of Vermont owns and operates the Bald Hill Fish Hatchery.

The Town has two cemeteries: Packer Cemetery is the oldest and Pleasant View Cemetery is in use and additional land was purchased for the future.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND LANDS (continued)

The area adjacent to the Town Hall is used as a Town Park. It has a paved area for a basketball/volleyball court, which can be plowed and frozen for a skating rink in the Winter. This is a joint project of the PTG and the Fire Department. It also has a covered picnic area. The Park is used annually for the Fire Department Chicken Bar-B-Que and Flea Market on Old Home Day.

The Town also owns in conjunction with the Vermont Land Trust, Inc. and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board land at the North end of Center Pond and the Development Rights on the entire East Side of Center Pond. This project is a fulfillment of many hours of time to provide open spaces, beach, camping areas and hunting areas for the present and future generations of the residents of Newark.

This area is handled by the Center Pond Conservation Commission composed of residents and camp owners. A member of the Board of Selectmen and a member of the Planning Commission serve as ex officio members of the Commission.

Problems

Deterioration of the Town Hall and Church.

Actions

Encourage continued landscaping projects around the Town Hall, Church and Town Clerk's Office. Encourage the Town to take appropriate actions to preserve the Town Hall, Church and the irreplaceable natural beauty and wildlife of the Center Pond Project.

III. EDUCATION

The Town of Newark has one school, built in 1980, which houses grades Kindergarten through Eight. The last one room schoolhouse became too crowded in 1978 and the First Grade was moved to the Conference Room in the Town Clerk's Office, and remained there until the new school was completed.

The new school has two floors with approximately 750 square feet on each level. The first floor has 2 classrooms with bathrooms, library and a furnace area. The second floor has 2 classrooms, kitchen, bathrooms, closets and a nurse's closet.

The cost to maintain and run the School per student based on the 1997-1998 budget is \$3,813. Almost all of the students are transported to school by bus which is an additional \$28,000 per year. Newark does all its own busing. The 1996-1997 enrollment is 74 students.

The enrollment breakdown is as follows for 1996-1997:

Grade	K-1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Enrollment	28	10	5	9	4	7	11

We have 1 home-based student and an additional 6 students attending school in St. Johnsbury. The tuition there is paid by their parents. We also have Pre-Kindergarten students who are taught by a volunteer teacher at no expense to the Town. They will attend school next year. Our Town is growing rapidly and the school population is growing at the same rate.

We have 1 student attending Lake Region High School, 1 at private school, 1 at St. Johnsbury Academy and 26 at Lyndon Institute at a cost of \$233,000 for the 1996-1997 year. The cost per year varies as we pay for the number of students attending high school. The projected cost of tuition at Lyndon Institute is \$7,398 per student.

An addition to the school facility will be built in 1997. This addition will provide a multi-purpose room, kitchen, Tech-Ed area, one on one space, Nurse's office and Principle's office. This addition is being built with a provision for expansion if and when necessary.

Problems

Rising cost of Education. The rate of growth within the Town, i.e. four additional high school students increases the school budget by approximately \$29,000.

The Supreme Court of Vermont ruling on Property Tax payment of schools will change the current method of taxation, but at this time, it is not known how.

EDUCATION (Continued)

Actions

Encourage the School Board to continue their fine efforts in the following areas:

Maintaining a cost effective school budget.

Maintaining the high quality of our children's education.

Ensuring that the school facility meets not only the short term, but also the long term needs of Newark's children.

Encourage the continued participation in school activities and events by the Residents of the Town.

Encourage the School Board to maintain the rural character of our present school system.

IV TRANSPORTATION

At the present time there are 42.797 miles of public road in Newark, consisting of Class 2, Class 3 and State Highways. We also have 4.75 miles of Class 4 Highways which, although publicly owned Rights of Way, are not maintained by the Town. It is the policy of the Town that, if the property owners along these Class 4 Highways want the Town to maintain them, they bring them up to State Class 3 Standards at their own expense.

The mileage breakdown is:	Class 1 - State Highways*	6,097
	Class 2 - Newark Street	6,880
	Class 3 - Town Highways	29,820

*Routes 5A and 114

The only blacktop Town Highway is Newark Street from the Town Line with Burke to the Bald Hill Fish Hatchery. All other Town Highways are gravel.

The Road Commissioner is elected at Town Meeting Annually and maintains the Town Highways working in conjunction with the Selectmen.

Driveway access permits are required from the Selectmen when a new driveway/home is built which will require access to the Town Highway System.

The Town no longer allows the use of Town Highways by snowmachines. There are sections of the VAST Trail in Newark, but these are not adequate for those who wish to snowmachine.

There are also places to cross-country ski on private property where allowed by the landowners.

Problems

Increasing traffic - as more homes and camps are constructed traffic increases as does road wear and excessive speed by some drivers. Speed is a major problem as is the increased traffic of log trucks.

Lack of Public Transportation - The majority of residents who are employed must drive to their place of employment and car pooling is difficult due to varied hours and home locations.

Lack of snowmachine and cross-country ski trails.

Maintenance - brush cutting along the highways is a never ending problem, as is resurfacing the gravel roads and Newark Street blacktop. Widening of current roads to allow year-round maintenance as more homes are built. At the present time, if there are no homes occupied during the Winter months along a road, it is not plowed.

IV TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

Actions

Encourage growth along present roads.

Encourage members of the local snowmachine club to work with VAST and property owners to provide access to VAST trails to keep snowmachines off the Town Highways. Also these trails can be used by cross-country skiers.

V. FIRE PROTECTION

Fire Protection for the Town is provided by its own department, the Newark Volunteer Fire Department. The department has two trucks, each equipped with a 750 gallon per minute pump. The trucks and other fire equipment are kept in the east end of the Town Garage. The trucks and fire station are all equipped with two-way radios. The space occupied by the Fire Department is heated so that the equipment is on line for year-round use. The department membership now stands at 12 members. The Volunteers are on call 24 hours a day through a system of personal paging devices. The department is dispatched by the St. Johnsbury dispatching system which is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Equipment acquisitions by the department have caused the insurance underwriting organizations to upgrade Newark' s fire protection classification from a 10 (Towns with no protection) to a 9.

In addition, the department has entered into mutual aid agreements with two separate, but adjacent, mutual aid organizations. One is the "Northeast Mutual Aid", which includes the six Towns on our southeastern, southern and southwestern borders, and the other is the "Northeast International Mutual Aid Systems", which includes those Towns on our northerly borders. When totaled together, Newark is part of a mutual aid system involving 18 other fire departments.

Problems

Any of the changes listed below could potentially impact the quality of fire protection in Newark:

Increase or decrease in the year-round population.

Increase or decrease in the number of seasonal homes.

Commercial or industrial development that involves the use of any hazardous materials.

Changes in State or Federal Statutes regarding the training and legal liabilities of Volunteer Fire Departments

Willingness of members of the community to volunteer for fire service.

Increase or decrease in the availability of private or public water holes and water supplies.

Development along Class 4 roads or other roads subject to gates and bars.

Major changes in the status of fire departments within our mutual aid systems.

VI. POLICE PROTECTION

Local Newark police services consist of two part-time Constables who are elected each year at Town Meeting. The Town Constables are paid only for services performed for the Town which typically involve local complaints based on Town Ordinances and, when necessary, State Statutes.

In addition, the Town is afforded 24 hour coverage by the Vermont State Police based in St. Johnsbury.

The Town also has the option of contracting directly with the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department for additional coverage on a per hour basis. Newark currently has no contract with the Sheriff's Department and therefore receives no coverage from their personnel.

Problems

Any of the changes listed below could potentially impact the need for or quality of police services in Newark:

- Increase or decrease in the year-round population.

- Increase or decrease in the number of seasonal homes in the Town (break-ins and vandalism).

- Commercial development within the Town.

- Increase or decrease in traffic along Town roadways.

- Decreased commitment by the State Police to cover rural communities.

- Changes in State Statutes regarding training and legal liabilities of local constables.

- Changes in the locations or extent of snowmobile trails through Town.

VII. EMERGENCY SERVICES

MEDICAL

The Town of Newark is covered by the Lyndon Rescue, Inc. ambulance service, located in Lyndonville at Lyndon State College. Their board consists of one person from each Town covered.

In addition to emergency ambulance service, they now also transport patients from one medical facility to another i.e. from N.V.R.H. to Dartmouth Hitchcock in Lebanon, NH.

ENHANCED 911

The Town is now in the process of implementing the Enhanced 911 Program. All roads have been named and signs indicating their names will be erected in 1997. All homes, etc. will also be numbered.

This system will allow quicker response by emergency vehicles and also serve in the location of homes for individuals.

VIII. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Newark maintains a solid waste transfer facility, consisting of two dumpsters in an enclosed area adjacent to the former Town Hall. The first floor of the former Town Hall has been converted to a recycling center/transfer station where the Town is recycling glass, steel cans, plastic, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, aluminum cans and other materials. The dumpsters are emptied weekly by a local contractor, and the refuse is disposed of by the contractor. The Town is presently recycling more than 35 per cent of its solid waste as a result of this program, which has widespread community support.

Newark is at present a member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NKWMD). Many Towns have opted to leave the organization, but at present Newark has chosen to remain in the District, in hopes that a workable long-range area-wide waste management plan might yet be worked out.

The Lyndonville landfill was closed in July, 1992 and the only approved lined landfill sites in our area are in Bethlehem, New Hampshire and Coventry, Vermont. At present there is no plan at any level, Town, District or State, which satisfactorily addresses the problem of toxic waste disposal for the area.

The Town has been transporting its recyclables to St. Johnsbury where a state-funded material recovery program is in place.

Residents of Newark also have available the metal recovery site on Route 114 in Lyndon and the Oil and Battery Center also in Lyndon.

Goal

To promote and maintain those procedures and programs which in concert with those of other area Towns responsibly manage Newark's waste.

Objectives

Strongly discourage landfills and hazardous waste sites in the Town.

Establish that on-site sewage treatment facilities must meet Town and State Standards.

Meet the State goal to recycle 40 per cent of the Town's solid waste by the year 2000.

Actions

Maintain and improve the Newark Recycling Program started in 1989.

Encourage the Town to make available educational and testing resources for proper waste disposal and recycling.

Encourage owners of junk vehicles to dispose of or store in an environmentally safe, fenced enclosure.

IX. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Town policy for the preservation of rare and irreplaceable natural areas, scenic and historic features and resources is:

The Town supports and encourages the preservation of rare and irreplaceable natural areas. Continued goodwill by landowners, present and future land trust and acquisition options, proactive involvement by Town Officials and citizens, and continuation of current low levels of development make this Town one which should withstand most, if not all, threats to these resources. These resources include: Center, Newark, Beck, Sawdust, Mud and all other ponds and waterways, the Bean Brook natural area, the wilderness areas to the East of Route 114, Town Cemeteries, the Church and the Town Hall.

Objective

Encourage the preservation of rare and irreplaceable natural areas, scenic and historic features and resources.

Actions

Encourage Town Officials and citizens to proactively be involved in, and informed of development activities within the Town and area.

Encourage Town Officials to pursue by acquisition and land trust options in relation to the designated preservation areas.

Encourage Town Officials to pursue legislative options to ensure the preservation of the designated areas if necessary.

ENERGY

The Town's Energy Policy is as follows:

The Northeast Kingdom is a region in which common sense dictates spending as little on energy as possible due to ever increasing costs for fuels and electric service. Newark's lack of proximity to these services coupled with its history of inclement weather, makes it a must for local families to 1) conserve energy whenever possible and 2) have backup sources of energy regardless of season. Therefore the Town sees no real need for a comprehensive energy plan at this time.

Objective

Encourage the use of renewable energy resources.

Actions

Discourage any proposed major utility transmission lines and/or facilities within Newark Town boundaries.

ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

ENERGY (Continued)

Actions

Stay abreast of State and Federal Energy Programs for energy conservation and make this information available to Newark citizens.

Post on Newark public bulletin boards energy related information.

Encourage car pooling wherever possible.

Encourage Town Officials to review all new construction and building maintenance of public buildings for long term costs of energy and maintenance.

Encourage solar, wood and wind energy wherever possible.

X. WATER RESOURCES

The Town of Newark has neither a central municipal water supply nor a municipal sewage disposal/treatment system. Likewise, no privately-owned water or sewage system serve more than one landowner. Water-supply and sewage disposal are handled on a lot-by-lot basis using on-site water and septic systems.

The use of on-site systems has worked well in Newark and there are no plans to consider municipal systems in the near future. However, as Newark grows and changes, the Town should be aware of potential problems in order to protect the health and well-being of its residents. In a 1990 survey, Newark residents and landowners favored the enactment of a sewage ordinance "to regulate both existing and future sewage disposal facilities regardless of lot size". The quality of ground and surface water is an issue of ever increasing importance to the Town's inhabitants.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Plan, the several ponds and streams within Newark's borders contribute greatly to the Town's assets. To protect and preserve these irreplaceable natural waters from anything that would compromise their purity or esthetic beauty should be of concern to all Newark residents.

Goal

To maintain or improve the quality of surface and ground water to ensure a safe, drinkable water supply.

To maintain appreciation for and protection of Newark's ponds and streams.

Objectives

It is the individual responsibility of each resident and/or landowner to recognize and reduce the impact of their lifestyle upon Newark's water resources.

Actions

Encourage the Selectmen to enact a sewage ordinance to regulate both existing and future sewage disposal facilities regardless of lot size, so that they are designed, constructed, operated and maintained to promote sanitary and healthful conditions.

Encourage the Town to make available educational and testing information for proper waste disposal and clean water.

Strongly urge all residents to inform Town Officials of any situation which might adversely affect the Town's water resources.

XI. RECREATIONAL

The Town of Newark may not possess many recreational facilities, but the very nature of its mix of forest and open lands combined with its many ponds and streams allow for all kinds of outdoor activities. Snowmobiling, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, cross country skiing, and golf are enjoyed in Newark.

Newark and Center Ponds have attracted large numbers of vacation homes owned by out-of-town, out-of-state and in-town residents. Three ponds have State Accesses.

Currently, 2,410 feet of Newark Pond shoreline is protected by The Nature Conservancy on the Southwestern end of the Pond to protect wildlife, i.e. the Loons.

The Center Pond Project was dedicated on August 17, 1995 by Governor Howard Dean. Nearly 700 acres of land with 4,800 feet of shoreline has been protected from development in the future. Of this area, 113 acres with 950 feet of shoreline is owned by the Town of Newark.

Goals

Promote selected land acquisition by the Town of Newark to provide public lands to walk, hunt, fish and to provide an area for school students to study the environment. This will be undertaken by the Center Pond Natural Resources Committee and all who wish to participate.

Encourage respect for private landowners rights.

Objective

Encourage environmentally sound recreation.

Actions

Encourage local snowmobile clubs to maintain trails that do not use Town roads.

Encourage all those participating in recreational activities in the Town of Newark to pursue "access by permission" posting adherence.

Encourage all those participating in recreational activities whether on land, ponds, or while fishing in our local streams to use environmentally sound, safe and courteous practices.

The Town should continue to explore land acquisition if it is economically feasible by purchase or gift to protect valuable natural resources.

RECREATIONAL (continued)

Actions (continued)

The Town should explore the possibility of an ordinance limiting the size of motors on some of the ponds in Newark.

Promote school activities such as cross country skiing and hiking.

Reserve a section of Newark Hollow Brook from the Fish Hatchery for 1/2 mile downstream for children under the age of 15 only for fishing. This would be done in cooperation with the Vermont Fish and Game Department to stock fish in this area.

XII. RESIDENTIAL

As of 1996, there were approximately 445 dwelling units located in Newark. Year-round dwellings were 180 with the balance being vacation homes. The year-round homes are located primarily along or near Newark Street, Town Highway #27, Packer District and Route 114. The number of vacation homes in Newark is large in relation to the number of yearround homes indicating the popularity of Newark as a vacation Town. Vacation homes are located throughout the Town with the higher concentrations on or near Newark and Center Ponds.

Goal

To maintain the Town as a primarily residential, rural community.

Objective

Encourage environmentally sound housing construction both seasonal and permanent.

Actions

Recognize the limitations of soil capabilities and require the proper installation of water and sewage systems.

Encourage the Selectmen to require the issuance of building information forms as well as providing a copy of the Town Plan, General Soil Map and Resource Information with each application.

Encourage the Selectmen to support the Planning Commission in a review/study of the need for the Town of Newark to adopt Zoning By-Laws.

Ensure the residents of Newark are aware of Federal and State Programs for weatherizing and house financing by making information available through the Planning Commission and Town Clerk.

We recognize the need for affordable and low income housing in the area; however, the Town does not wish to compete with larger population centers. Also due to the Town's distance from health care facilities, shopping and other services, we do not feel that such housing is feasible.

XIII. FORESTRY

Goal

To promote and support proper Forestry Management to preserve the rural character of our Town.

Objective

To encourage and promote forestry practices to form a viable balance of human life and wildlife.

To encourage forest and wildlife management programs to maintain and protect the wildlife habitats and quality timber.

Actions

The Town should develop and encourage educational programs to promote good forestry practices.

To encourage the Selectmen to consider the possibility of developing a tax deferral/stabilization program.

To encourage the Selectmen to coordinate forestry activities with the Newark Land Trust.

XIV. AGRICULTURE

Currently there are 1100 acres of farmland in the Town of Newark. There has been significant decrease in the number of working farms within the last 25 years.

Goal

It is important to the Town of Newark to maintain and protect agricultural land in order to preserve the rural character of our Town.

Objective

To encourage and promote existing agricultural enterprises within the Town of Newark.

Make agricultural enterprises as profitable as possible by establishing an economical base for those who maintain and protect "agricultural land use".

Encourage economic and educational programs that promote income from agricultural use.

Actions

Encourage the Selectmen to consider the possibility of developing a tax deferral/stabilization program for agricultural enterprises.

Encourage the Selectmen and School Board to provide educational programs which promote public awareness of agricultural alternatives, i.e. beef, dairy, fish, sheep, maple sugaring, specialty birds, bee-keeping, etc.

Encourage the Selectmen to coordinate agricultural activities with the Newark Land Trust.

XV. COMMERCIAL

The commercial uses to be found in Newark at the present time are farming, forestry, arts and crafts, individual home construction and home occupations with a number of residents commuting to nearby Towns to work.

Goal

Maintaining the unique rural atmosphere and natural scenic beauty of Newark, while encouraging orderly and environmentally sound growth, is the great challenge facing Newark. A challenge that must be met if Newark is to have a vital, healthy economic future.

Objectives

Encourage all forms of business with an emphasis on recreation, since Newark's greatest asset is natural beauty, woods, fields and unspoiled waterways. This makes recreation the most logical commercial venture with the best potential for growth. However, all forms of small business should be carefully considered for their impact on the environment and their compatibility with the quality of life in Newark.

Actions

As has been stated, the primary objective is to maintain the peaceful, rural atmosphere, and high quality of life that is enjoyed in Newark. That being understood, it is imperative that Newark develop a policy that would encourage commercial growth while not jeopardizing our standards or the environment.

Encourage business that makes use of the assets of the surrounding area, i.e. Burke Mountain, the many beautiful lakes and ponds, the hiking trails and facilities, etc.

Encourage the Selectmen to develop an information review process for all new commercial enterprises, in order to identify local resources.

Encourage the Selectmen to require the issuance of Building Information Forms, as well as providing a copy of the Town Plan, General Soil Map, and resource information with each form.

Have the Selectmen and Planning Commission review each ACT 250 Notification for consistency with the Town's overall objectives.

XVI. MAPS

General Highway Map

Town of Newark, Vermont - Map 1: Base Features

Town of Newark, Vermont - Map 2: Land Use/Land Cover

The Town has an extensive library of maps which can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

XVII. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Our recommended program for the implementation of the objectives of the development plan are:

on-going	Town landscaping
on-going	Encourage Town Officials to pursue acquisition and land trust options in relation to the designated preservation areas.
Begin 1997 Complete 1998	Zoning By-Law review and study by the Planning Commission
Begin 1997 Complete 1999	Study Tax Stabilization alternatives for Forestry and Agriculture.

XVIII. ELEMENT CHECKLIST

Element #1 - A statement of objectives, policies and programs of the municipality to guide the future growth and development of land, public services and facilities and to protect the environment.

Addressed in the Introduction, Agriculture, Forestry Residential, Commercial, Waste Management, Recreation and Environment.

Element #2 - A land use plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective land uses, indicating those areas proposed for forests, recreation, agriculture, residence, commerce, industry, public and semi-public uses and open spaces reserved for flood plain, wetland protection, or other conservation purposes; and setting forth the present and prospective location, amount, intensity and character of such land uses and the appropriate timing or sequence of land development activities in relation to the provision of necessary community facilities and service.

Addressed in Soil, Bedrock and Slope, Forestry, Agriculture, Water Resources, Residential, Waste Management, Commercial and Recreation.

See Section "Maps".

Element #3 - A transportation plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective transportation and circulation facilities showing existing and proposed highways and streets by type and character of improvement, and where pertinent, parking facilities, transit routes, terminals, bicycle paths and trails, scenic roads, airports, railroads, and port facilities, and other similar facilities or uses with indication of priority of need.

Addressed in Transportation and see Maps Section.

Element #4 - A utility and facility plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective community facilities and public facilities showing existing and proposed educational, recreational and other public sites, buildings and facilities, including hospitals, libraries, power generating plants and transmission lines, water supply, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, storm drainage and other similar facilities and activities, and recommendations to meet future needs for community facilities and services with indications of priority of need, costs, and method of financing.

Addressed in Waste Management, Fire Protection, Public Buildings and Maps.

Element #5 - A statement of policies on the preservation of rare and irreplaceable natural areas, scenic and historic features and resources.

Addressed in Environment, Water Resources and Public Buildings.

Element #6 - An educational facilities plan consisting of a map and statement of present and projected uses and the local public school system.

Addressed in Education and Public Buildings.

Element #7 - A recommended program for the implementation of the objectives of the development plan.

Addressed in the Implementation Schedule.

Element #8 - A statement indicating how the plan relates to development trends and plans for adjacent municipalities, areas and the region developed under this title.

Addressed in Residential, Commercial, Waste Management, Fire and Police Protection and the Introduction.

Element #9 - An energy plan, including an analysis of energy resources, needs, scarcities, costs and problems within the municipality, a statement of policy on the conservation of energy and the development of renewable energy resources and a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy.

Addressed in Environment, Energy Section.

Element #10 - A housing element that shall include a recommended program for addressing low and moderate income persons' housing needs as identified by the regional planning commission pursuant to section 4348a(a)(9) of the title.

Addressed in Residential.