

CHAPTER 9 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

9.1 Introduction

Each element of this Comprehensive Plan includes a series of goals and recommendations intended to respond to the issues identified during the planning process. The recommendations represent the collective input of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and seven subcommittees, the Planning Board and the Town's planning consultant.

The large number of recommended actions proposed by the Advisory Committee subcommittees presents a formidable challenge to the Town government with its limited human and financial resources. The potential for the Town to lose the value of the Plan's recommended actions exists, unless very disciplined implementation and stewardship programs are developed and executed.

The successful execution of the implementation plan will be dependent upon the following:

- the commitment of the current and future Town Councils to the plan;
- the availability of state, local, federal and private funding;
- continued availability and commitment of qualified and responsible volunteers;
- the use of qualified, contracted, technical expertise as required.

The implementation element is presented in two sections. The first section is the complete standard "Implementation Element", assigns urgency as "priority", "intermediate", "long term", and "ongoing". It also assigns responsibility and stewardship within local government for each action. The second section, also found in the body of this document, is the "Priority Implementation Action Element" that the current Town Council may commit to and can seriously use to manage the implementation and the stewardship of the new Comprehensive Community Plan.

The implementation program will be reviewed and updated every two years coordinated with the Town's two year election cycle and with the Town's Financial Town Meeting. Initiation activities will be focused upon forming new committees and boards, recruiting the

best volunteers, collecting hard data and preparing the State mandated updating of the Town's zoning and land use ordinances.

The implementation program is structured as follows:

Reference	To locate the action statement within an individual element, use the following key: Chapter.Action For example, Chapter 2, Action 1 would be listed as 2.1 on the reference line.
Action	Recommended implementation action as presented within each element.
Responsibility	The agency, individual, board or commission responsible for implementing the action.
Stewardship	The agency, individual, board or commission to whom the responsible party reports on the status of implementation.
Timing	Priority - Recommended to occur within 1-5 years of Plan adoption; Intermediate - Recommended to occur within 6-10 years of Plan adoption; Long Term - Recommended to occur within 11-20 years of Plan adoption; Ongoing - Currently underway and recommended to continue.
Cost	Estimate of project or capital cost: TED = to be determined NA = not applicable
Remarks	Other factors which may affect the action.

9.2 Land Use Implementation Actions

Groundwater Quality

Reference	2.1.a
Action	Seriously consider creating a Groundwater Protection Board to deal specifically and effectively with drinking water quality and sources of supply after a study done by the planning board or a sub-committee appointed by the Planning Board. a) Funded adequately and enabled to procure professional staff and services.
Responsibility	Planning Board to initiate legislation with assistance from Conservation Commission.
Stewardship	Town Council (Planning Board)
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Report to other boards and commissions

Reference	2.1.b
Action	(Groundwater Protection Board) powers and responsibilities. a) Develop an overall master plan that addresses protection strategies for the town's ground-water, soil fertility and wetland purification, etc. b) Assume responsibility for implementing the hydrogeological study (refer to Action 5.2); c) Assume administration of the proposed Wastewater Management District, if established (refer to Action 5.4); d) Develop and propose such groundwater protection ordinances as may be needed; and, e) Maintain an ongoing public information program, including annual reports to the Town Council.
Responsibility	(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	(Groundwater Protection Board) report to other boards and commissions.

Reference	2.2
Action	If need is demonstrated, establish a wastewater management district starting in critical areas that would: a. Establish a well-testing program with voluntary monitoring program; b. Identify and map septic systems and wells; c. Identify and map "critical environmental resource areas (CERAs)" and create overlay zones to ensure strict groundwater protection. d. Establish a cycle of inspection and if necessary and appropriate, pump out schedule for septic systems.
Responsibility	Planning Board to initiate ordinance preparation.
Stewardship	Town Council annually
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	(Groundwater Protection Board) report to other boards and commissions.

Reference	2.3
Action	Continue to pursue regulatory program based on State enabling legislation for existing underground storage tanks that are exempt from State regulations.
Responsibility	Building Official and Fire Chief
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Tank removal should be implemented over the long term and tax incentives for rapid removal should be provided.

Reference 2.4
Action Study the adoption of State guidelines for road salt use as in the Scituate Reservoir Watershed for the Watson Reservoir Watershed.
Responsibility RIDOT Highway Maintenance/Town Highway Superintendent
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost TBD
Remarks Increase sand to salt ratio and substitute calcium chloride for some of the salt in the mix.¹ (Groundwater Protection Board), Conservation Commission to be informed about study results.

Reference 2.5
Action Recommend investigation of the Town's total sustainable groundwater yield.
Responsibility (Groundwater Protection Board)/Conservation Commission
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost TBD
Remarks The Town should enlist public and/or private assistance in preparing and conducting a comprehensive townwide hydrogeological study. The study would determine the movement and potential sources of contamination of the town's fresh water supply, and its coastal ponds and wetlands. Such a study will help to provide a basis for planning decisions affecting land use, housing, and the town's overall growth patterns.

Groundwater Quantity

Reference 2.6
Action Prepare a comprehensive plan of wetland protection to protect the Town's wetlands for the recharge of groundwater supplies.
Responsibility Conservation Commission
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost TBD
Remarks Draft soils types onto Town plat maps.

¹ Scituate Reservoir Watershed Management Plan: A Road Salt Management Strategy, Report No. 63, Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Planning, June, 1988.

Reference	2.7
Action	Town ordinances should be reviewed and amended to encourage shared use of private drives, and to promote porous surfacing materials (crushed stone, shell etc.) for suitable specific applications. Suitable drainage plans for porous roads should also be contained within the new ordinance.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	NA
Remarks	Roads, both public and private, accelerate rainwater runoff which adversely affects the recharge of groundwater supplies. Roads and parking areas should be surfaced in a manner that minimizes rainfall runoff.

Reference	2.8
Action	Encourage low water use appliances and practices.
Responsibility	Building Official/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	Conservation Commission should be active in public education on water conservation.

Reference	2.9
Action	Educate residents of the dangers of saltwater intrusion to water wells.
Responsibility	Planning Board/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Planning Board
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	Identify areas of Town which may be sensitive to saltwater intrusion. Develop and enact prevention programs for sensitive sections of Town.

Reference	2.10
Action	Study the need to develop, and if necessary, institute a system of drainage permits.
Responsibility	Planning Board/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Planning Board/Town Council
Timing	Long term
Cost	NA
Remarks	Grant permits only to those projects which would not have an undue influence on groundwater supplies.

Wetlands

Reference 2.11
Action Amend existing subdivision ordinance to require all subdivisions (in designated wetland areas as per the Town wetlands map/Town soils map per Action 2.7) submit to a Planning Board/RIDEM
Responsibility
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost TBD
Remarks If RIDEM or private biologist determines that wetlands are present on a site, they must be marked and mapped on subdivision plan. Refer to Action 2.7

Reference 2.12
Action Initiate the process of having wetlands within the Town mapped at a scale compatible with the Town Plat Maps.
Responsibility Conservation Commission/Planning Board
Stewardship Town Council/Tax Assessor
Timing Intermediate
Cost TBD - Likely to range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for mapping and description.
Remarks Examine other wetlands mapping studies around Rhode Island prior to initiating. Refer to Action 2.7

Reference 2.13
Action Study State standards for wetland setbacks and alternate standards that have been adopted by other communities.
Responsibility Conservation Commission/Planning Board/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost NA
Remarks Maintain the Town's present 100-foot buffer (between wetlands and structures and/or septic systems) pending the aforesaid hydrogeological study and development of a buffer ranking system for such setbacks.

Reference 2.14
Action Adopt a comprehensive plan to protect Little Compton's wetlands.
Responsibility Conservation Commission/Planning Board/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost TBD
Remarks A key part to be studied of such a plan should be a wetlands acquisition strategy to include the effect on tax rolls and which would include:

- Encouraging the donation of private wetlands to the Town.
- Purchasing development rights to wetlands when offered.
- Purchase of wetlands that could be used for low-impact recreation.

Agriculture and Open Space

Reference 2.15
Action **Continue to support the efforts of the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust (LCACT)** to preserve own farm land and open space.
Responsibility Planning Board/Conservation Commission/LCACT/Tax Assessor
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost TBD
Remarks The following items are recommended for serious consideration:
 • Continue to support the 2% LCACT Transfer Tax.
 • Consider alternatives to the transfer tax.
 • That the property tax valuation on land from which development rights have been sold be clarified in order to encourage this preservation tool.

Reference 2.16
Action Study and if appropriate, develop a **more effective/flexible Farm, Forest and Open Space** property tax program in cooperation with the State.
Responsibility Conservation Commission/LCACT/Tax Assessor
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost NA
Remarks None

Reference 2.17
Action **Develop a financial study** comparing residential land versus agricultural/open space land in Little Compton showing property tax income versus own service expenditures.
Responsibility Conservation Commission/LCACT/Tax Assessor
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost NA
Remarks None

Historic Resources

Reference 2.18
Action Initiate an active program to protect historic resources throughout own with special emphasis on particular areas such as the Commons.
Responsibility (Historic Preservation Advisory Board)
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost TBD
Remarks Numerous quasi-public groups will be involved in this effort, including the Little Compton Historical Society, Adamsville Historical Association, and others.

Reference 2.19
Action Consider establishing a Little Compton Historic Preservation Advisory Board which would specifically address scenic character, historical and archaeological resources and architectural integrity.
Responsibility Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost TBD

Remarks The activities of this Board are described in the Natural and Cultural Resources Element of the Plan. Must interact with public and private groups with the same goals. In the long term, consider establishing an Historic District Commission.

Reference 2.20
Action **Consider establishing an Historic District Commission** as an outgrowth of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board specifically to address historical design integrity within the Commons, Adamsville and other potential historic structures, sites and districts.
 Responsibility Town Council/(Historic Preservation Advisory Board)
 Stewardship Town Council
 Timing Long term
 Cost TBD
 Remarks None

Reference 2.21
Action **Prepare and distribute a handbook** to inform residents and potential builders of the historic trends and events which combined to create the "sense of place" and the "townscape."
 Responsibility Conservation Commission/Planning Board/(Arts Council)
 Stewardship Town Council
 Timing Long term
 Cost TBD
 Remarks This publication would provide ideas and suggestions to help minimize the adverse impacts of future development and construction. Printing cost could be offset by small fee.

Reference 2.22
Action Consider creating **an Historic Marker Program** to help identify and promote the numerous historic sites and buildings throughout town.
 Responsibility (Historic Preservation Advisory Board)/Conservation Commission
 Stewardship Town Council
 Timing Long term
 Cost NA
 Remarks None

Reference 2.23
Action **Study the wisdom of initiating a special permit** process for the demolition of any building which is a) within a National Register Historic District; b) individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 Responsibility (Historic Preservation Advisory Board)/Planning Board
 Stewardship Town Council
 Timing Long term
 Cost NA
 Remarks None

Preservation of Traditional Appearance

Reference 2.24
Action Maintain the Town's existing zoning ordinance minimum requirement of one single family dwelling unit per two acres of land.
 Responsibility Planning Board
 Stewardship Town Council
 Timing Priority
 Cost NA
 Remarks None

Reference 2.25
Action Prepare a cluster zoning ordinance to encourage future subdivision to be developed in a more visually attractive manner.
Responsibility Planning Board
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost NA
Remarks Create a cluster overlay zone and which would allow the Planning Board flexibility.
 a. Parcel size will remain flexible but density of overall development will not exceed 1 dwelling unit per 2 acres.
 b. A conventional subdivision layout will be required with any submission of a cluster proposal. The overall density of the cluster development should not exceed the density of the conventional layout. The conventional layout should meet all zoning and subdivision requirements and should not include lots whose area is comprised of more than 50 percent wetlands or lots with significant areas of excessive slope (15% +).
 c. All cluster proposals shall be approved by the Planning Board, with an advisory opinion by the Housing Committee if created.

Reference 2.26
Action **Study the legal position and if practical adopt a substandard lot ordinance** requiring and/or encouraging the consolidation of substandard lots when two or more adjacent lots are owned by the same individual and contain hydric soils.
Responsibility Planning Board/Town Solicitor
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost NA
Remarks Examine other Rhode Island communities' ordinances regarding this action.

Reference 2.27
Action **Study the desirability and the legal situation concerning the creation of a scenic zoning ordinance relating to the following areas:**
 • Intersections and street corners.
 • Approaches to villages.
 • Water views and other scenic views.
Responsibility Planning Board to draft ordinance/Zoning Board/Town Solicitor
Stewardship Town Council
Timing High Priority
Cost NA
Remarks Address the development of "overlay districts" along scenic road corridors for treatment of trees and other vegetation, stone walls, outstanding views and design guidelines for new construction in the corridor. Design guidelines may address both the road bed and road side, as well as the adjoining land uses. Use RIDEM and RIHPC work on scenic quality as a starting point.

Reference 2.28
Action Encourage visual setbacks for construction along public roads and off-road development whenever possible.
Responsibility Planning Board/Zoning Board
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost NA
Remarks None

Reference	2.29
Action	Review the current sign ordinance, compare with other progressive rural communities and modify the regulations to better meet the Town's scenic quality preservation objectives.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	2.30
Action	Encourage installation of underground utilities in all future developments.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	Potential impact to housing costs should be studied prior to implementing amendment.
Reference	2.31
Action	Rezone the existing industrial zone on the Tiverton Town boundary, north of Tompkins Lane, west of Long Highway and east of Pachet Brook Road. Considering that most of this zone is currently developed for residential <i>use</i> , and the remaining undeveloped area in the zone is largely wetland, it would be appropriately rezoned for residential uses. Allow business zone for small portion on north western side of Long Highway.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	Coordinate with the State Dept of Administration, Office of Municipal Affairs, and the Town's Solicitor to determine potential ramifications of this action.

Reference	2.32
Action	Consider designating the business zone at Sakonnet Point as a commercial waterfront zone which would support shore-oriented businesses.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board/Tax Assessor
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long term
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	2.33
Action	Revise Town ordinances to accommodate the changing needs of farm operations.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote the Penn. Forest and Open Space Act tax benefit for • Explore other avenues to assist local farmers, including, but not limited to, financial • Assess the feasibility of providing some support for farmers to plant winter rye/legume mix which will meet the objectives of reducing applied nitrates in the soil, and providing • Consider promoting a small weekly farmer's market to support local farm • Work with State agencies, including RIDEM Division of Agriculture and the Rhode Island Cooperative Extensive Service to obtain and disseminate the latest information on farm management and marketing practices. • Establish a clearinghouse for rented agricultural land, and promote the use of underutilized fields and pasture. This works best with an annual crop, and would require working out (IA, organic, conventional, sustainable). • Maintain fanning as a permitted use in residential zoning districts. • Permit recreational, promotional and marketing activities on the Town% farms: 'pick your own" and 'choose and cue Christmas trees, hayrides. school visits, roadside farm stands,
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Reference	234
Action	Initiate a study of the Townes residential zoning with the intent to test the potential benefits and costs of establishing two to three zoning classifications, i.e., coastal residential, general residential and rural residential.
Responsibility	Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Recreation	
Reference	235
Action	Prepare and implement a comprehensive management plan for each town recreation area, natural area, and right-of-way.
Responsibility	Recreation Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	2.36
Action	Make special efforts to expand existing recreational areas by acquiring adjacent properties whenever available
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	2.37
Action	Explore establishment of a town-wide system of bike paths.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Create walking paths through appropriate natural areas and the linking of separate areas whenever possible.

Reference	2.38
Action	Consider/study the use of "micro-parking" (five can or less) as a way to access certain natural areas and rights-of-way.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	2.39
Action	Maintain and enforce existing public rights-of-way available to Town residents.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/RIDEM/CRMC
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Tax Policies

Reference	2.40
Action	Conduct a study of the Town's tax policies relating to farm, forest and open space property
Responsibility	Tax Assessor/LCACT/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	The purpose of such study would be to identify tax policies which would promote open space preservation

Zoning Consistency

Reference	2.41
Action	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to attain and maintain consistency with this Comprehensive Plan and Figure 2-3, Future Land Use Map.
Responsibility	Planning Board and Town Council.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	18 months with continuing monitoring thereafter.
Cost	NA
Remarks	Statutory Requirement

9.3 Housing Implementation Actions

Reference Action	3.1 Develop a comprehensive permit process to meet specific and documented housing needs, e.g., elderly housing and low income housing, for the express purpose of accommodating new federal and state subsidized units..
Responsibility	Planning Board/(Little Compton Housing Trust).
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	Potential modest printing/consulting costs
Remarks	The purpose is to allow flexibility, including the waiver of certain local ordinances (such as density, construction standards, drainage, setbacks, etc), in exchange for commitments to meet housing objectives. The intent is that the comprehensive permit process may be applied on a town-wide basis

Reference Action	3.2 Establish a Little Compton Housing Trust (LCHT), through Town Ordinance by June 1, 2005, whose members will be appointed by the Town Council by June 30, 2005, and will serve as an advocacy group for any person or group desiring to address the problem of housing affordability or housing for the elderly and families of low and moderate income. The LCHT will be enabled to apply for and receive state and federal grant money, contract with housing agencies such as Rhode Island Housing and Church Community Housing, contract for consultant services, recommend to the Town council property tax abatements for low and moderate income households, generally oversee the implementation of this Affordable Housing Plan, and monitor long term housing affordability.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority and Immediate (see page 9-2) Immediate is within a year with deadlines.
Cost	Ordinance revision cost; modest annual operating expense.
Remarks	The LCHT will serve as the housing advocate for those in need of housing in the town. The LCHT's function will include, but not necessarily be limited to, collection of data and information regarding housing needs; review of prospective housing projects concerning affordable housing and elderly housing; and recommendations to the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Review with respect to relief from parts of the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance in order to foster affordable housing, including but not necessarily limited to, density, construction standards, drainage, setbacks, etc. The LCHT should be representative of the interests of citizens and groups, including, but not necessarily limited to representatives of the elderly and low income constituencies within Little Compton; town officials, to serve in an ex-officio capacity (Town Council, Planning Board, Building Official, and Public Welfare Director); non-profit agencies (Little Compton Health and Human Resources Committee, Church groups, Church Community Housing Corp., and other housing providers); and knowledgeable individuals representing various professions and disciplines (environmental science, engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, real estate development, and law).

Reference Action	3.3 Create a forum for the elderly community to elaborate on specific housing needs, in order to ensure that planning for such housing meets articulated needs from within the town.
Responsibility	Town Council/ LCHT /Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	Allow elderly housing to exceed standards of zoning density, subject to a review process.

Reference 3.4
Action Revise zoning ordinance to allow "manufactured homes" and "mobile homes" for the express purpose of providing such units to be subsidized and therefore remain low or moderately priced for both families and elderly.
Responsibility Planning Board and LCHT
Stewardship Town Council and LCHT
Timing Priority
Cost Modest printing/consulting cost.
Remarks Current definition in the zoning ordinance, 14-1.5 (i) "manufactured home" describes what is commonly known as a mobile home. A manufactured home once assembled on-site is, for the purposes of definition no different than a conventionally constructed home. Manufactured homes may require density variances to become affordable.

Reference 3.5
Action Encourage local control over the development of elderly, affordable and special needs housing by:
 a. Creating a non-profit organization within the Town to develop elderly, affordable and/or special needs housing.
 b. Studying the possibility of amending the enabling legislation for the Agricultural Conservancy Trust to include acquisition of land for elderly, affordable and special needs housing.
 c. Encouraging the RI General Assembly to fund the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust and the Governor to provide all municipalities the administrative support required to manage local Housing Trusts under the auspices of a State mandated program.
Responsibility Town Council / LCHT
Stewardship Town Council and LCHT
Cost TBD
Timing Priority
Remarks The primary local organization is intended to be the LCHT and its mission is to develop such housing and facilitate acquisition of government and/or other funds and allow increased local control.

Reference 3.6
Action Maintain the status quo with respect to allowing mobile homes by right in all districts in the Zoning Ordinance.
Responsibility Planning Board
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost NA
Remarks None

Reference 3.7
Action Amend the zoning ordinance by June 30, 2006, to allow multi-family housing in business zones by right, including provisions for mixed use development e.g. commercial on the first floor with apartments above with development plan review by the Planning Board, if the units are restricted to low and moderate income residents with thirty-year affordability restrictions in place.
Responsibility Planning Board
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority and Immediate (see page 9-2) Immediate is within a year with deadlines.
Cost Ordinance revision cost.
Remarks None

Reference 3.8

Action Consider developing a Cluster Housing Ordinance which would create an overlay zone and which would allow the Planning Board flexibility.

- a. Parcel size will remain flexible, but density of overall development will not exceed 1 dwelling unit per 2 acres
- b. A conventional subdivision layout may be required with any submission of a cluster proposal. The overall density of the cluster development should not exceed the density of the conventional layout. The conventional layout should meet all zoning and subdivision requirements and should not include lots whose area is comprised of more than 50 percent wetlands or lots with significant areas of excessive slope (15 percent or more).
- c. All open space in cluster developments will remain in perpetuity in accordance with the provisions of state law.
- d. All cluster proposals shall be approved by the Planning Board, with an advisory opinion by the LCHT

Responsibility Town Council / LCHT
Stewardship Town Council and LCHT
Timing Priority
Cost Ordinance drafting cost
Remarks See similar action in Land Use Element.

Reference 3.9

Action Mandate the inclusion of at least 20% low and moderate-income qualifying units in any new subdivision.

Responsibility Town Council / LCHT
Stewardship Town Council and LCHT
Timing Priority
Cost Ordinance drafting cost
Remarks None.

Reference 3.10

Action Develop a housing and parcel database using data from the latest revaluation.

Responsibility Town Council / LCHT
Stewardship Town Council and LCHT
Timing Priority
Cost Ongoing research/ clerical costs
Remarks None

Reference 3.11

Action Revise zoning ordinance by June 30, 2005, to reflect, as appropriate, changes in the Housing Element to accommodate affordable housing, with continuing monitoring.

Responsibility Planning Board / Zoning Board / LCHT
Stewardship Town Council and LCHT
Timing Priority
Cost TBD — printing/consultant fees
Remarks The Zoning Ordinance has been brought into conformance with the Zoning Enabling Act of 1991, but further updates are required to implement this Housing Element.

Reference 3.12

Action Require all room rentals to register with the Town for purposes of safety and health inspection and to monitor affordability.

Responsibility Building Official

Stewardship	Town Council and LCHT
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	3.13
Action	Consider amending ordinances to establish residential height restrictions which will be consistent with existing scale and bulk of surrounding housing in any given neighborhood in Little Compton. No house to be higher than 30 feet.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board of Review/Building Official
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	The purpose is to preserve scenic vistas and to maintain the character of communities within the town and to prevent the tendency observed in other seaside communities toward crowding taller housing closer to the shore.
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Reference	3.14
Action	Amend 14-4.2.d.2(d) of the Zoning Ordinance to specifically add "including protection of groundwater" to the list of conditions and safeguards applied which appear as criteria for special use permit.
Responsibility	Zoning Board of Review /Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	Marginal ordinance revision cost
Remarks	A balance must be struck between housing concerns and protection of groundwater.
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Reference	3.15
Action	Continue to allow, by special use permit, an attached accessory dwelling of not more than 800 square feet on lots having a minimum of three acres, provided that site planning and ISDS criteria are met.
Responsibility	Zoning Board of Review /Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	Ordinance revision cost
Remarks	None.
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Reference	3.16
Action	Amend the zoning ordinance to allow a temporary accessory family dwelling unit as defined in the present zoning ordinance.
Responsibility	Zoning Board of Review /Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	Ordinance revision cost
Remarks	None.
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Reference	3.17
Action	Amend the Town's existing Low Income and Disabled Property Tax Abatement Program to define low and moderate income families in accordance with the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Act which are those residents earning \leq 80% of the area median income (AMI), and that the tax abatement to residents living in affordable housing units be set on a sliding scale based on actual household income, so that the lowest income residents receive the highest abatement. This is intended to significantly increase the incentive for creating affordable housing with a local tax subsidy..
Responsibility	Town Council

Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	Ordinance revision cost
Remarks	None.

Note that the new Section 3.17, Strategies of the amended Housing Element are considered to be part of the Implementation of this Comprehensive Plan and shall be binding upon all parties, including the Town Council, Planning Board and the newly created Little Compton Housing Trust.

9.4 Economic Development Implementation Actions

Administration

Reference	4.1
Action	The Town's ordinances and regulations should be comprehensively examined with regard to the impact they may have on local economic activities. Particular attention should be given to regulations governing farming, fishing, and home-based trades/industries. Regulations should be supportive of these activities, while providing guidelines and standards which maintain the public health, safety and welfare, as well as preserving the Town's character.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Services

Reference	4.2
Action	A concerted effort should be made to improve telephone communications systems which serve the Town, particularly telephone.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	To meet needs of new technology, i.e., facsimile, computer modems.

Reference	4.3
Action	Establish a Community Center in the renovated Grange Hall.
Responsibility	Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Stewardship	Governing board of the Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	4.4
Action	Should a Town Administrator/Planner position be established the job description for the position should include community development and economic development activities.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	

Industry

Reference 4.5
Action Rezone the existing industrial zone on the Tiverton Town boundary, north of Tompkins Lane, west of Long Highway and east of Pachet Brook Road, pending review of the Land Use Committee. Considering that most of this zone is currently developed for residential use, and the remaining undeveloped area in the zone is largely wetland, it would be appropriately rezoned for residential uses. Allow business zone for small portion of north-western side of Long Highway.

Responsibility Planning Board/Zoning Board
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost NA
Remarks Coordinate with the State Dept. of Administration, Office of Municipal Affairs, and the Town's Solicitor to determine potential ramifications of this action.

Commercial Business

Reference 4.6
Action As appropriate, amend the Zoning Ordinance to encourage business development which is compatible with and sustaining of the Town's environmental and aesthetic resource base.

Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost NA
Remarks None

Reference 4.7
Action Preserve existing commercially-zoned areas.
Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost NA
Remarks None

Reference 4.8
Action Provide guidelines which support the appropriate development of home-based trade/industries through modification of the Zoning Ordinance. Review and revise the Zoning Ordinance as needed to provide adequate standards and to ensure that such industry is compatible with the overall environmental, aesthetic and economic goals of the community.

Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost NA

Remarks

Among the performance criteria which should be considered are the following:

- Establishing that the trade/occupation/activity is operated by a resident of the home.
 - Specifying a maximum floor area ratio which a home-based trade/occupation can occupy within a residential dwelling unit or outbuilding on a residential lot.
 - Establishing guidelines for the outside appearance of a home-based trade/occupation, such as the size and form of signage, the amount of outside storage, and the extent of structural change to the original building.
 - Establishing guidelines for traffic and types of vehicles used to ensure that excess traffic is not created or heavy commercial vehicles not disrupt the quiet of the neighborhood.
 - Establishing an acceptable nuisance level, including guidelines on the use of mechanical equipment, ventilation equipment and noise attenuation measures.
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Reference 4.9
Action **Provide guidelines which support the appropriate development of elderly care/support facilities.**
Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Long Term
Cost TBD
Remarks The scale and scope of such a project must respect Town density standards, septic system restraints and groundwater supply.

Reference 4.10
Action **Consider permitting and providing guidelines for education-related economic development,** including executive/management training or retreats, research centers, private educational enterprises.
Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Long Term
Cost TBD
Remarks The scale and scope of such a project must respect Town density standards, septic system restraints and groundwater supply.

Reference 4.11
Action **Provide guidelines which support the appropriate development and regulation of bed and breakfast establishments.**
Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Priority
Cost TBD
Remarks The scale and scope of such a project must respect Town density standards, septic system restraints and groundwater supply.

Recreation

Reference 4.12
Action **Ensure public access to Town beaches and shoreline.**
Responsibility Town Council
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost TBD
Remarks None

Reference 4.13
Action **Provide guidelines for natural resource/recreation and open space-based economic activities.**
Responsibility Planning Board/Town Council/Conservation Commission/Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost TBD
Remarks See Land Use, Recreation Conservation and Open Space, and Natural and Cultural Resources Elements

Agriculture and Fishing

Reference	4.14
Action	Revise Town ordinances to accommodate the changing needs of farm operations.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote the Farm, Forest and Open Space Act tax benefit for appropriate land. • Explore other avenues to assist local farmers, including, but not limited to, financial assistance for conservation management practices such as soil erosion techniques. • Assess the feasibility of providing some support for farmers to plant winter rye/legume mix which will meet the objectives of reducing applied nitrates in the soil, and providing improved soil quality for growing crops. • Consider promoting a small weekly farmer's market to support local farm products. • Work with State agencies, including RIDEM Division of Agriculture and the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extensive Service to obtain and disseminate the latest information on farm management and marketing practices. • Establish a clearinghouse for rented agricultural land, and promote the use of underutilized fields and pasture. This works best with an annual crop, and would require working out agreements with landowners on the type of farming practices which would be employed (i.e., organic, conventional, sustainable). • Maintain farming as a permitted use in residential zoning districts. • Permit recreational, promotional and marketing activities on the Town's farms: "pick your own" and "choose and cut" Christmas trees, hay rides, school visits, roadside farm stands, winery tours, tastings, meals, etc.

Reference	4.15
Action	Consider promoting a farmer's market, possibly as part of the community center.
Responsibility	Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Stewardship	Governing Board of Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	See Land Use, Recreation Conservation and Open Space, and Natural and Cultural Resources Elements.

Reference	4.16
Action	Continue to support traditional fishing and encourage new technologies such as aquaculture in salt water ponds.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Must meet all Coastal Resource Management Council and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management requirements.

Culture and the Arts

Reference	4.17
Action	Provide non-financial support to cultural resource activities which promote economic development.
Responsibility	The arts and cultural community
Stewardship	Village Improvement Society or the Little Compton Community Center
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	Among the potential activities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community exhibitions, concerts and performances;• Classes and workshops;• Scholarships for Little Compton students wishing to pursue careers in the arts.• Artists workshops/summer sock/dinner theatre.

Public Finance

Reference	4.18
Action	Consider establishing a formal capital improvement program with 3 to 5 year horizons.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	Review capital improvement programs for other similar size owns.

9.5 Natural and Cultural Resources Implementation Actions

Groundwater

Reference	5.1 .a
Action	Seriously consider creating a Groundwater Protection Board to deal specifically and effectively with drinking water quality and sources of supply after study by the Planning Board or a subcommittee of the Planning Board. a) Funded adequately and enabled to procure professional staff and services.
Responsibility	Planning Board to initiate legislation with assistance front Conservation Commission.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Report to other boards and commissions
Reference	5.1.b
Action	Groundwater Protection Board should: a) Be funded adequately and enabled to procure such professional staff and/or services as may be required to carry out its functions; b) Develop an overall master plan to address management and monitoring strategies for protection of the town's groundwater, including maintenance of its soil and wetland purification processes. c) Assume responsibility for carrying forward the proposed hydrogeological study; d) Assume administration of the proposed Wastewater Management District, if established; e) Identify and map "critical environmental resource areas" (CERAs - containing freshwater wetlands, areas with high water tables, major ponds and watersheds, etc.) and develop and propose overlay zones within which an additional set of regulations will apply to ensure strict water resource protection; and, f) Maintain an ongoing public information program, including annual reports to the Town Council
Responsibility	(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	(Groundwater Protection Board) report to other Boards and Commissions.
Reference	5.2
Action	Enlist public and/or private support and funding to design a comprehensive hydrogeological study. The study will provide a water quality basis for planning decisions affecting land use, housing, and overall growth patterns. The first step, the priority implementation action called for below, is to compile the baseline data required for implementing this study.
Responsibility	To be initiated by the proposed (Groundwater Protection Board), if established (refer to Actions 5.1 .a and 5.1 .b) and/or planning board, conservation commission.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Early on, the Planning Board, Town Council and the Conservation Commission should jointly appoint a "groundwater working group" responsible for initiating the compilation of the base data for the hydrogeological study. When the (Groundwater Protection Board) is established, this work should continue under its aegis.

Reference	5.3
Action	If need is demonstrated, establish a wastewater management district starting in critical areas that would: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish a well-testing program with voluntary monitoring program, b. Identify and map septic systems and well, c. Establish a cycle of inspection and if necessary and appropriate, pump out schedule for septic systems.
Responsibility	Planning Board / Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	(Groundwater Protection Board) report to other boards and commissions.

Reference	5.4
Action	Encourage the Little Compton Conservation Commission to adopt a more proactive stance and assume (or be given) greater responsibility for dealing with problems affecting a wide range of local conservation issues. It should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work closely with the (Groundwater Protection Board), if it's established, on strategies for strengthening the town's groundwater protection measures. b. Develop and maintain a systematic review process for monitoring the significant conservation issues affecting the town's health and safety, and it's critical environmental resources. c. Develop, with other local agencies and conservation organizations, an ongoing public information program on these and other conservation issues.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council/Planning Board
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	When the proposed (Groundwater Protection Board) is established (refer to Action 5.1) the data base compilation tasks should continue under its aegis.

Reference	5.5
Action	Maintain town's 100-foot buffers between wetlands and structures and septic systems pending findings of hydrogeological study, the proposed buffer ranking system study, and identification of CERA zones.
Responsibility	Planning Board / Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board).
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Development of a ranking systems will require consultant assistance.

Reference	5.6
Action	Encourage environmentally compatible agricultural techniques among Little Compton residents and growers to reduce groundwater pollution from certain fertilizers and pesticides. (Groundwater Protection Board).
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None.

Reference	5.7
Action	Develop a high visibility public information and education program concerning residual groundwater pollution by certain fertilizers and pesticides, heavy metals, paints, oils and fuels. a) Build program on the two year groundwork laid out by Joint Committee of the Garden Clubs on Environmental Concerns. b) Target homeowners, businesses, local boards and commissions, and schools.
Responsibility	(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	(Groundwater Protection Board) to invite participation of Joint Committee on Environmental Concerns

Reference	5.8
Action	Work with State agencies to establish and maintain air and rain pollution monitoring program to determine over time what pollutants are entering Little Compton's groundwater from long range atmospheric pollution.
Responsibility	(Groundwater Protection Board)/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Work with appropriate state agencies and environmental organizations.

Reference	5.9
Action	Work with State agencies to establish and maintain pollution monitoring program of coastal and inland waters, soil, wildlife and vegetation to determine over time what pollutants are entering Little Compton's waters and wildlife food chains from long range atmospheric pollution.
Responsibility	(Groundwater Protection Board)/Conservation Commission/Beach Commission/Harbor Commission (refer to Action 5.1).
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Work with appropriate state agencies and environmental organizations.

Reference	5.10
Action	Review present land use controls to ensure that toxic activities which are potentially threatening to the environment are minimized.
Responsibility	(Groundwater Protection Board)/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Develop guidelines for responsible citizen action concerning the use, storage and disposal of toxic substances.

Reference	5.11
Action	Maintain a capacity in fire and police departments for rapid and appropriate response to small spills and other accidents involving hazardous materials.
Responsibility	Fire Chief/Police Chief
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	5.12
Action	Properly store supplies of road salt and consider environmentally acceptable substitute which does not threaten public health.
Responsibility	State Highway Department/Town Highway Department.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Conservation Commission and (Groundwater Protection Board) to be informed of road salt status.

Reference	5.13
Action	Pursue regulatory program for existing underground storage tanks which are exempt from state regulation. Implement tank removal program and explore further tax incentive idea for more rapid removal.
Responsibility	Building Official and Fire Chief
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	5.14
Action	Continue to maintain a collection center for disposal of used motor oil.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Coastal Waters, Inland Waters, Flood Hazards

Reference 5.15
Action Maintain and improve the quality of coastal waters to protect the Little Compton shoreline for continued commercial fishing, tourism and recreational uses.
 a) Continue to pursue acquisition of key shoreline areas (for habitat preservation, recreation, visual enhancement, and public shoreline access).
 b) Coordinate with RIDEM and CRMC to determine locations of public shoreline access.
Responsibility Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust/Sakonnet Preservation Association/Conservation Commission/Harbor Commission/Beach Commission
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost TBD
Remarks LCACT and SPA should pursue the acquisition issue; Conservation Commission the shoreline access question. Coordinate with RIDEM, CRMC and the (Groundwater Protection Board).

Reference 5.16
Action **Monitor coastal ponds systematically** to detect excessive nitrate loading. Protect such ponds additionally by considering land acquisition and further buffering.
Responsibility (Groundwater Protection Board)/Conservation Commission
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Long Term
Cost TBD
Remarks LCACT and SPA to pursue acquisition issue.

Reference 5.17
Action **Review local setbacks from coastal ponds and wetlands** to determine most appropriate buffer widths (in connection with proposed ranking system).
Responsibility (Groundwater Protection Board)/Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Intermediate
Cost TBD
Remarks See Groundwater Implementation Section for ranking system reference (which may involve TBD costs).

Reference 5.18
Action **Investigate road salting methods and sand/salt mixes** for both State and local roads to ensure suitability for use within the watershed. Monitor inland waters to detect excessive nitrate loading.
Responsibility Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)/State and Town Highway Departments
Stewardship Town Council
Timing Ongoing
Cost NA
Remarks Review what neighboring states (and owns) have done.

Reference	5.19
Action	Give priority consideration for protection of wetlands which provide habitat o rare, threatened or endangered species, and to ensure groundwater purification.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/Agricultural Conservancy Trust (in conjunction with RIDEM and CRMC)/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	LCACT could also protect by acquiring development rights for such wetland areas, but cost factor would increase significantly.

Reference	5.20
Action	Maintain vegetated buffers around the tributary steams which feed Watson Reservoir o help maintain its quality.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission (working with Newport Conservation Commission and the Little Compton (Groundwater Protection Board))
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	521
Action	Maintain conformance with existing Federal, State and local flood hazard regulations.
Responsibility	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Town Council, Planning Board and appropriate state agencies.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Soils

Reference	5.22
Action	Continue public and private land acquisition programs, conservation restric-tions, and the purchase of development rights to avoid loss of farmland ar-eas, and the historic working landscape, to development. Consider design guide-lines, visual easements and designated farmland overlays to further this work.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Conservation Commission/Agricultural Conservancy Trust
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.23
Action	Monitor, maintain and promote increased soil fertility on a townwide basis to ensure groundwater purification.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Ultimately this would be the responsibility of the proposed (Groundwater Protection Board), when established.

Reference	5.24
Action	Require that the presence of hydric soils be noted on the development application in site plan or subdivision review during the preliminary stages.
Responsibility	Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	This would indicate the possible presence of wetlands and indicate the need for further investigation. Develop a plat plan with a hydric soils overlay.

Vegetation and Wildlife, and Endangered Species

Reference	5.25
Action	Prepare survey for the protection of vegetation and wildlife areas in order to protect, preserve, and improve the present diversity of vegetation and wildlife along the following guidelines: a) Identify large areas of undisturbed land to maintain ecological stability. b) Identify the balance of vegetational cover types in the community, i.e. woodlands, wetlands, open fields/spaces. c) Identify buffer zones around areas of critical habitat. d) Include habitat values as an element for consideration in subdivision and/or site plan reviews.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Local agencies should consult with the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program (RINHP) and the Rhode Island Audubon Society in preparation of the Management Plans.

Reference	5.26
Action	Endangered species should be a major component of the Vegetation and Wildlife Survey . Include the 25 Rare and Exemplary Natural Communities in Little Compton referred to as "endangered species" and listed in the Natural and Cultural Resources chapter. Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	Local agencies should consult with both the Rhode Island Audubon Society and the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program to keep current with the status of the town's endangered species population.

Reference	5.27
Action	Use the vegetation and wildlife survey as a guide to determine potential adverse impacts on vegetation and wildlife communities with regards o: a) Changes in land use and zoning. b) Subdivision of land. c) Any public use including outdoor recreation and building activity.
Responsibility	Zoning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	5.28
Action	Coordinate with Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program and the Rhode Island Audubon Society on a regular basis to determine sensitive habitat locations of the town's endangered species.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	The Conservation Commission should consult with the RINHP for the locations of the 25 endangered species and wildlife.

Reference	5.29
Action	Develop and promote protection and management recommendations for each identified habitat location. Prepare maps for clear identification of all of these locations.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.30
Action	Review periodically the following sites with the RINHP for additional habitat protection. a) Quicksand Pond/Goosewing Beach b) Briggs Marsh/Truesdale Beach c) West and East Islands d) Fogland Marsh e) Sakonnet Point 0 Mill Pond in Adamsville
Responsibility	Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Visual and Aesthetic Resources

Reference	5.31
Action	Under the proposed Historical Preservation Advisory Board (refer to Action 5.40), encourage increased townwide concern for activities that affect the visual environment; consider forming an Historical Preservation Advisory Board sub-committee on "visual environmental impact" which, among other things would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify areas of own with outstanding scenic vistas, (i.e. countryside or coastal view-point areas), which should be reviewed by the Board and other appropriate own bodies when development or construction <i>is</i> being considered. b) Work on appropriate "design guidelines" for construction in those areas. c) Create a public informational tool (i.e., a "citizen's guide for preserving Little Compton's scenic landscape") to educate residents on ways they can help preserve this critical natural resource.d d) Consider the creation of "overlay districts" along scenic roads to identify special visual and aesthetic features (such as trees and other vegetation, stone walls, outstanding views etc.), and the development of design guidelines for new construction in these areas. (Such guidelines might address both the road bed and road side, as well as adjoining land uses.)
Responsibility	(Historical Preservation Advisory Board)/Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.32
Action	Support and encourage the continued efforts of the Little Compton's Agricultural Conservancy Trust (LCACT) and the Sakonnet Preservation Association (SPA) to preserve the town's open spaces, and other areas of natural and scenic beauty in the own.
Responsibility	Little Compton Agricultural Trust/Sakonnet Preservation Association/Conservation Commission.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.33
Action	Develop educational material and other programs to maintain and increase the current acreage of the town's working farmland. Use designated prime farmland overlays and active agricultural districts to encourage the continued use of property as agricultural and allow for limited density residential development.
Responsibility	LCACT/SPA/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.34
Action	Pursue the protection of other visually important spaces through a variety of techniques including, but not limited o, the following: a) Public education. b) Purchase conservation easements. c) Purchase of development rights.d d) Visual easements or "overlay districts/zones". e) Gifts to the Sakonnet Preservation Association and the Agricultural Conservancy Trust. f) Purchase acquisition of land.
Responsibility	LCACT/SPA/Planning Board/Conservation Commission/(Historical Preservation Advisory Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

General

Reference	5.35
Action	Consider creating the position of the Town Planner in the town's administrative structure on a full (or at least, part) time basis.
Responsibility	Home Rule Charter Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.36
Action	The Town Council should consider appointing an Environmental Advocate for Little Compton as provided under the State's Environmental Advocacy Act.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	5.37
Action	Work together with Tiverton, Westport and the Newport Water Board to maintain regional environmental and groundwater quality.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	For example, the Westport River Watershed Alliance.

Cultural Resources

Reference Action	5.38 Consider establishing an Historical Preservation Advisory Board to address the town's scenic character, historical sites and structures, architectural integrity and archaeological resources. The Board should:
	a) Have a membership representative of relevant local organizations and of individuals with interest and knowledge of this and related fields.
	b) Prepare an Historic Preservation Plan to address the town's resource protection needs.
	c) Document local historic sites and structures, identify them with descriptive site markers, and encourage nomination of those eligible to the State and National Registers of Historic Places.
	d) Use educational and administrative mechanisms to guide construction or development where building permits are being considered in areas identified under the local Preservation Plan.
Responsibility	Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	In the long term, consider establishing a Historical Preservation Commission <i>as an</i> outgrowth of the Advisory Board.

Reference Action	5.39 Encourage the establishment of an Arts and Cultural Council to develop and coordinate programs supporting the town's diversified artistic and cultural resources.
	a) Arrange for community exhibitions, concerts and performances.
	b) Sponsor classes and workshops.
	c) Provide scholarships for Little Compton scholars wishing to pursue careers in the arts.
	d) Work with similar groups in neighboring towns.
Responsibility	The arts and cultural community
Stewardship	Village Improvement Society or the Little Compton Community Center
Timing	Intermediate.
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference Action	5.40 Establish a Community Center in the renovated Grange Hall.
Responsibility	Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Stewardship	Governing board of the Little Compton Community Center Corporation
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference Action	5.41 Encourage the expansion of the services and facilities of the Brownell/Little Compton Public Library.
Responsibility	Library Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Coordinate with School Library.

Reference	5.42
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Action	Endorse an Oral History Project to interview long-term residents and record their recollections of the town's recent history for a permanent archive. a) A major element of the program would be in cooperation with the Wilbor/McMahon School as part of the language arts and social studies curriculum. b) Based on the Foxfire "cultural journalism" program.
Responsibility	School Board/Historical Society/Community Center
Stewardship	Historical Society/Village Improvement Society
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Responsibility may shift to the Arts and Cultural Council.
Reference	5.43
Action	Protect archaeological sites and private cemeteries. An ordinance should be passed requiring builders et al to notify the Building Official of any artifact discovery.
Responsibility	(Historical Preservation Advisory Board)/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Building official shall administer and enforce.
Reference	5.44
Action	Preserve the balance of the small boat commercial business and the recreational boating atmosphere at Sakonnet Harbor.
Responsibility	Harbor Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	See Harbor Management Plan
Reference	5.45
Action	Map and safeguard public rights-of-way.
Responsibility	(Historical Preservation Advisory Board)/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	Coordinate with the CRMC Committee on rights-of-way and consider appointing a Keeper of the rights-of-way.
Reference	5.46
Action	Encourage maintenance of stone walls.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Assessors/(Historical Preservation Advisory Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	<i>Intermediate</i>
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Consider providing tax relief which <i>may</i> require legislation.
Reference	5.47
Action	Encourage the preservation of distinctive or unique landscapes of high scenic quality. a) Prepare an inventory of special landscapes. b) Develop a program for the protection of the identified areas.
Responsibility	Planning Board/(Historical Preservation Advisory Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	Coordinate with RIDEM and RIHPC work <i>as a</i> starting point. See Natural Resources Actions No. 5.34 and 5.38.

Reference	5.48
Action	Encourage and support the preservation of the town's special places. a) Prepare an inventory in places that have meaning and significance for the town's residents. b) Develop a program for the protection of identified special places, including easements, zoning measures, subdivision regulations and public education.
Responsibility	Planning Board Historical Preservation Advisory Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Refer to Actions No. 5.34 and 5.38.

9.6 Community Services and Facilities Implementation Actions

Reference	6.1
Action	To fully develop the study and implement the recommendations concerning the town's municipal departments. including but not necessarily limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Town Administrator/Planner- Town Engineer/Building Inspector- Tax Assessor
Responsibility	Establish a study commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority: 1994-1995 study; 1996-2008 implement
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.2
Action	Encourage and support the School Committee's plans and programs for academic excellence.
Responsibility	School Committee
Stewardship	School Committee
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.3
Action	Continue to monitor building permit and other conditions impacting school enrollment trends.
Responsibility	School Committee/Building Official
Stewardship	School Committee
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.4
Action	Encourage use and improvement of school playground and sports facilities with the Town's recreational plans and programs.
Responsibility	School Committee/Recreation Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	6.5
Action	Support collection modernization and development.
Responsibility	Brownell Library Board/Librarian/Little Compton Free Library <i>Trustees</i>
Stewardship	Brownell Library Board/Little Compton Free Library Trustees
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	6.6
Action	Establish cross-referencing and cooperation with the school library, and with the Middletown High School library.
Responsibility	Librarian
Stewardship	School Committee/Little Compton Free Public Library Trustees
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	6.7
Action	Assess the Town's contribution (annual and capital) to the Library and its distribution.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	6.8
Action	Establish a volunteer "Friends of the Library" group to assist with fundraising and outreach activities.
Responsibility	Brownell Library Board/Librarian/Little Compton Free Public Library Trustees
Stewardship	Brownell Library Board/Little Compton Free Public Library Trustees
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	6.9
Action	Continue to strengthen the membership and commitment to the Substance Abuse Task Force.
Responsibility	Health and Human Resources Committee/Town Council/Police Department/School committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.10
Action	Assess the town's goals and strategies for disaster preparedness and civil defense planning.
Responsibility	Civil Defense Preparation Director
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.11
Action	Assess options for improved public communications by the police and fire departments.
Responsibility	Police Chief/Fire Chief Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.12
Action	As a policy, consider the benefits of regional versus local programs where there are cost reduction and service delivery benefits to be gained by the Town.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.13
Action	Consider contracting engineering review services for soil erosion and sediment control, stormwater management and ISDS permitting to ensure environmentally sound development practices.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Conservation Commission/ own Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Contact State Association of Conservation Districts
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Reference	6.14
Action	Encourage the study for staffing and program development for a community center , and coordinate the use of existing space for meetings of various Town boards, committees and groups.
Responsibility	Little Compton Community Center Inc./Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.15
Action	Recognize and support the recently formed Little Compton Health and Human Resources Committee.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	Town Council should recognize <i>this</i> organization.
Reference	6.16
Action	Consider establishing wastewater management districts in densely populated areas and areas of ISDS failure in order to provide periodic inspection, maintenance and correction of ISDS systems.
Responsibility	Planning Board (Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermeriate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	6.17
Action	Support a public education program in conjunction with public awareness group (e.g. Cooperative Extension Service, Save the Bay) to make property owners aware of the importance of proper ISDS maintenance and the need for periodic pumping.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/(Groundwater Protection Board)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	6.18
Action	Consider a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance , utilizing the services of the Soil Conservation Service and the local Conservation District.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	MD
Remarks	None

Reference	6.19
Action	Continue and maintain a townwide recycling program in coordination with State efforts.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council/Conservation Commission
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	6.20
Action	Continue to maintain an igloo for waste oil collection at the transfer station, and vigorously promote its use.
Responsibility	Maintenance Department
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TED
Remarks	None
Reference	6.21
Action	Work with RIDEM's OSCAR program to develop a public education program toward reducing the waste strewn and encourage private and commercial recycling through municipal assistance in the form of newspaper drop-off spots, multiple large item trash pick-ups, and announcement or sponsorship of the OSCAR program's household Hazardous Waste Clean-up
Responsibility	Day(s).
Stewardship	Conservation Commission Town Council Ongoing/intermediate
Timing	
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	6.22
Action	Retain Town service departments (police, fire, town halt) in the Commons area.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	6.23
Action	Fully utilize existing public buildings.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	6.24
Action	Consider establishing standards for design review for any construction or building alterations in the Commons areas.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Zoning Board/(Historic Preservation Advisory Committee)
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	6.25
Action	Contract for a professional technical and economic study for a comprehensive analysis of water supply and sewage treatment for all public buildings on the "Commons."
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.26
Action	Fully clarify the Town's legal position for the use of Watson Reservoir water for the school and other public facilities on the Commons.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Refer to Rhode Island Law
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Reference	6.27
Action	When and if it becomes available, lease/purchase a small amount of land behind the school, own hall and police department for provision of additional off-street parking facilities and for the safe drop-off of school children from buses.
Responsibility	Planning Board/School Committee/Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.28
Action	When and if needed acquire additional land behind the library and St. Catherine's for off-street parking and for an alternate route out of the Commons.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.29
Action	Complete a detailed study of municipal administration space needs.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.30
Action	As necessary, expand town offices into space in the Legion Hall and/or expand to a second floor above the existing addition to relieve congestion.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.31
Action	Efficiently utilize the Oddfellows Hall and the existing fire station if they become available.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.32
Action	As funding becomes available, complete renovation of Grange Hall for use as a community center.
Responsibility	Little Compton Community Center Corp.
Stewardship	Little Compton Community Center Corp.
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
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Reference	6.33
Action	Select one of the sites for the new police/fire complex. They include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The space occupied by the existing fire station, police station, and if necessary the tennis court; 2. Part of the field north of the existing fire station; 3. On Willow Avenue/Common's End; 4. Peckham Lot.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
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9.7 Recreation and Open Space Implementation Actions

Reference	7.1
Action	Monitor the need for a new playlot in the Adamsville area. When demand indicates, and funding is accessible, provide a playlot similar to that at the Wilbur School.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council/Recreation Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	7.2
Action	Monitor the need for playfields and tennis courts. When demand indicates and funding is accessible, provide such playfields and/or tennis courts.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board/Recreation Committee/School Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	The Town's recreation task force indicates the need for a soccer field and additional tennis and basketball courts at some time in the future.
Reference	7.3
Action	Ensure the retention as permanent open space of recreation areas providing specialized recreation opportunities.
Responsibility	Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust; Conservation Commission; Planning Board; Recreation Committee; others involved in providing recreation/open space services in Town.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	7.4
Action	Preserve existing beaches and parking areas for continued beach use.
Responsibility	Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust; Conservation Commission; Planning Board; Beach Commission; others involved in providing recreation/open space services in the Town.
Stewardship	Town Council/Beach Commission
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None
Reference	7.5
Action	Continue to add permanently protected conservation, conservation/recreation, and special areas to the Town's existing inventory.
Responsibility	Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust; Conservation Commission; Planning Board; others involved in providing recreation/open space services in the Town.
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	See Section 7.7 for a description of these particular types of open space.

Reference	7.6
Action	Continue to pursue the development of a community center.
Responsibility	Little Compton Community Center Corp./Recreation Committee/Health and Human Resources Committee
Stewardship	Little Compton Community Center Corp.
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Currently the focus of the community center fundraising activities is on renovating the Grange Hall on the Commons.

Reference	7.7
Action	Continue the current program of protecting agricultural land.
Responsibility	Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust/Conservation Commission/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Frequent monitoring and reporting of land use changes or impending changes which would alter the environment are necessary to ensure the Town has adequate response time is a parcel becomes available.

Reference	7.8
Action	Establish a new zoning district or overlay district for open space purposes.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Immediate
Cost	None
Remarks	See Section 2.4.2 of the Land Use Element

Reference	7.9
Action	Establish a process of acquiring sites for open space and recreational purposes. The latter includes installing necessary infrastructure and equipment for new recreational sites, maintenance and expansion of existing recreational sites. Such action must be linked to the Town's on-going budget process in order to be effective. In addition, when the Town applies for state and federal assistance for such acquisitions of open space and recreational sites, consideration must be given to establishing partnerships with any appropriate local private and public agency, such as the LCACT, Sakonnet Preservation Association and others.
Responsibility	Town Council/Planning Board
Stewardship	RCOS Committee
Timing	Immediate and On-going
Cost	None
Remarks	See Section 7.8.c Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Element

The anticipated five year acquisition and development program may be found on page 9-2. Implementation activities shall be grouped into one of three categories, as follows:

- Recreation;
- Conservation; and,
- Agriculture.

None of these categories shall have precedence over the other two; they reflect goals and policies that are equally important to the Town of Little Compton. Priorities of individual activities shall be set within each category, and the criteria for site selection follows:

Criteria for Site Selection — Recreation

1. The property is suitable for development of active recreation facilities.
2. The property is accessible to people who would be most likely to use the proposed recreation facility.
3. The property is not prime open space or conservation land according to the criteria adopted to evaluate property for that purpose.
4. The property is available and the price is consistent with the appraised value.
5. The property can be managed by the Town.
6. The property is contiguous to an existing public recreation area.

Criteria for Site Selection - Recreation Development Projects

1. The project addresses a need identified in the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Plan.
2. The project will provide recreational opportunities for various age groups.
3. The project will provide for multiple uses of the site.
4. The project includes appropriate support facilities for the recreational activities for which the land was acquired.
5. The community supports the proposed project.
6. The facility can be managed by the Town.

Criteria for Site Selection - Open Space/Conservation

1. The property provides habitat which supports or is capable of supporting the following categories of wildlife:
 - a. Federally listed endangered or threatened.
 - b. State listed endangered or threatened.
 - c. Species listed as State Special Interest.
 - d. Listed by Natural Heritage Program as species of special concern.
2. The property is uncommon, biologically fragile and/or critical or is a unique ecological community in the state or local community.
3. The property is an outstanding representative of other ecological communities in the State or Town.
4. The preservation of the property would increase the protection of an existing preserved natural area.
5. Other natural features are present on the property.
6. The property possesses outstanding scenic or aesthetic values.
7. The property includes agricultural land.
8. The property provides habitat diversity.
9. The property would prevent development of an area prone to flooding or other natural hazard.
10. The property provides protection for watershed or groundwater recharge area.
11. The property is subject to development pressure and/or likely conversion in land use.
12. The property is available and the price is consistent with the appraised value.
13. The property can support passive recreation and environmental education programs.
14. The property can be managed by the Town.
15. The property includes wetlands (The wetland value would be determined by the Golet method or the United States Department of Transportation wetland assessment.)
16. The property is contiguous to an existing protected open space or conservation area.

Criteria for Site Selection - Agricultural Land

1. The property is actively farmed and suitable crop and soil management practices are employed. (The type of crop should be determined - food crops vs. non-food crops).
2. Site and soil conditions are suitable, including percent wet vs. dry, field size, types of soil, and amount of tillable land.
3. The property is a self-sustaining economic unit.
4. The farmer lives on the farm and rents or owns the property.
5. The property is subject to development pressure and/or likely conversion in land use.
6. The property possesses outstanding scenic value.
7. The property has outstanding open space value.

The same Annual Implementation Program forms shall be used for all three categories. The forms have two (2) parts, acquisition and development. Acquisition, for the purposes of this element, shall mean all forms of acquisition of real property including fee simple acquisition, acquisition of development rights and various types of easements. Acquisition activities may serve to provide new recreation opportunities and also to preserve conservation areas, farmlands and open space. Acquisition may be programmed for any one or more of the three categories noted above.

Development for the purposes of this element shall include construction of a variety of active recreation facilities including playlots, playfields (soccer tennis and basketball courts, and the like) beach facilities including parking, restrooms, cabanas, and the like, and other similar facilities normally associated with recreational sites. Other types of development activities in relation to conservation areas includes such management techniques *as* selective clearing, providing nature trails, signage, and fencing off protected areas. Development may be programmed for recreation and conservation categories, but not agricultural.

Type refers to the ten facility types within the three categories of active play facilities, passive recreational facilities, and conservation/open space, as follows:

Active Play Facilities

- Type 1 Playlot - Small area [less than one (1) acre] intended for young children; generally associated with high population density areas as a substitute for single family residential yards.
- Type 2 Playground - Medium area [four (4) to seven (7) acres] intended for children within the five (5) to twelve (12) year age group; often associated with neighborhood schools. Playgrounds may afford limited facilities for an entire neighborhood, with limited opportunities for adults.
- Type 3 Playfield - Medium to large area [twelve (12) to twenty (20) acres] intended for young people over twelve (12) years of age and adults; associated with a wide range of popular sports and activities, including athletic fields and highly organized team sport. Facilities often include game courts for tennis, volleyball, handball, basketball, horse shoes, shuffleboard, etc.; sports fields for softball, baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, etc. They may also include a field house, running track and space for field events, playground [Type 2 above], outdoor swimming pool, center for day camping, and open lawn areas including picnic areas, landscaped parks, and children's play areas. Amenities should include lighting for night use, adequate off street parking, and sanitary facilities.

Passive Recreational Facilities

- Type 4 Neighborhood Park - Small to large area [one half (1/2) to twenty-five (25) acres] intended for walking, sitting, sunning, and quiet relaxation. Amenities should include landscaped lawns, varieties of plants, shrubs,

seasonal flowers, trees, walkways, benches, etc. Neighborhood parks may be used in conjunction with a playground [Type 2 above] and playfield [Type 3 above].

Type 5 Large Park or Reservation - Very large area [one hundred (100) acres or more] that serves the entire Town or region.

Type 6 Recreation Area - Areas that do not fall into the Active Recreation categories (Types 1, 2 and 3) but are specifically set aside for recreation, without prominent importance placed on the natural aspects of the area. Uses such as golf courses, boat ramps, yacht clubs and marinas are in this type.

Type 7 Beach - The portion of land associated with the interface of ocean and salt marsh/upland habitats, the area of sand (or stones) which is subject to tidal fluctuations. Beaches are generally associated with recreational use, although some may be more restricted than others in maximum capacity, and some also contain special wildlife habitats and so would qualify as conservation areas as well. The latter should be grouped in conservation.

Conservation/Open Space

Type 8 Conservation Area - Any protected area, regardless of size, that contains important natural resources including (but not limited to): forested lands; fragile and valuable ecosystems such as dunes, wetlands and marshlands; unusual, rare, or endangered species of wildlife and vegetation; and unspoiled scenic views. Ownership may be public or private; the form of protection may range from an entirely restricted zone to one of unlimited access, with enforcement provided by an official agency or unofficially through local residents.

Type 9 Conservation/ Recreation Area - A conservation area as listed above (Type 8) which is unrestricted, available to, and frequently used by residents and the general public for non-specific recreation (fishing, picknicking, skating, swimming, camping, hiking, surfing, etc.)

Type 10 Special Area - Any area that does not fit specifically into the preceding nine categories, yet represents open space or other area of importance to the community for visual, economic, historical, or social reasons.

Approximate Acreage refers to the actual size of a parcel to be acquired or to be developed. In many instances, the same parcel may be both acquired and developed in the same year. **Estimated Cost** refers to the total estimated dollar cost for the activity including the purchase of property, acquisition of development rights, cost of development, and other related project costs. It is likely that the committee may not always have an exact figure for either acquisition or development. This is understandable due to the fact that many parcels are acquired on a negotiated basis and development would require engineering studies and cost estimates prior to construction.. Therefore, a range of costs is acceptable.

Source of Funding refers to four major sources: town, private, state and/or federal. It is acceptable to combine Town and private sources. These may include monies appropriated by the Financial Town Meeting, the Agricultural Conservancy Trust, the Sakonnet Preservation Association, the Nature Conservancy and other private fund raising efforts.

State sources of funding may include any program provided by the State of Rhode Island through the Department of Environmental Management, the Department of Transportation and other state agencies. Federal sources may include the National Parks Service and any of the administrative subdivisions of that agency. For each of the three sources of funding, the Committee may indicate a percentage share rather than the actual dollar cost the percentages might be determined by the regulations of the specific state or federal program but the precise dollar costs may not be obtainable at the time the forms are completed.

**Five Year Implementation Program for
 Acquisition and Development - 1992 - 1996**
 Little Compton, Rhode Island

Type	Program Year	Approximate Acreage	Estimated Cost	Source of Funding (%)			Comments
				Town/Private	State	Federal	
1 - 3	1992-96		**	20-100%	80-0%	0%	Acquisition/Development of Playlot, Playfield or Playground
4 - 7	1992-96	*	**	20-100%	80-0%	0%	Acquisition/Development of Neighborhood Park, Large Park, Recreation Area or Beach
8 - 10	1992-96		**	20-100%	80-0%		Acquisition/Conservation/Recreation Land Conservation Area, or Special Area

Notes:

* - To be determined.

** - Depending upon availability of funding.

9.8 Circulation Implementation Actions

Reference	8.1
Action	Develop an official Town accepted road map , using Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) mapping as a base map.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Highway Department
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intemediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Coordinate with Department of Administration, Office of Municipal Affairs and RIDOT.
Reference	8.2
Action	Actively participate in planning of State and regional transportation systems.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council/Superintendent of Highways/Tree Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	Maintain regular contact with the Planning Division of RIDOT regarding proposed State road improvements in Little Compton.
Reference	8.3
Action	Maintain and update the list of projects for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Responsibility	Highway Department/Planning Board/Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	None
Reference	8.4
Action	Work with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to achieve work-able designs on TIP projects in keeping with the rural and village character of own.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council/Highway Department/Tree Committee/Historical Society
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	Work with the RIDOT Road Design Section regarding the need for visual analysis of any road improvements.
Reference	8.5
Action	Coordinate development of circulation systems with the planned development of the community.
Responsibility	Planning Board
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	8.6
Action	Recognize the importance of Little Compton's outstanding historic man-made and natural landscape by protecting to the maximum extent possible shade trees, stone walls, historic buildings and structures, and natural features during the planning, design and construction of <i>new</i> and reconstructed roadways as well as the maintenance of existing roads.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council/Highway Department/Tree Committee/Historical Society
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	Work with the RIDOT Road Design Section regarding the need for visual analysis of any road improvements.

Reference	8.7
Action	Continue to implement a pavement management program to evaluate and prioritize improvements of town streets. Include in the program, an evaluation of drainage conditions.
Responsibility	Highway Department
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	8.8
Action	Adopt best management practices (BMP's) as part of road standard in subdivision regulations, and in retro-fitting roadway drainage facilities.¹
Responsibility	Highway Department/Planning Board
Stewardship	Planning Board
Timing	Intermediate.
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	8.9
Action	Furnish the Highway Superintendent with adequate funding to maintain the roadways, for snow removal, street sweeping and drainage system maintenance.
Responsibility	Town Council
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	8.10
Action	Encourage the Public Transit Authority to maintain the fixed route bus system servicing the Town of Little Compton.
Responsibility	Town Council/Health and Human Resources Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

¹ Land Management Project. Land Use and Water Quality Series, Stormwater Best Management Practices.

Reference	8.11
Action	Request that RIDOT investigate the areas in their jurisdiction cited as presenting traffic safety problems, and that substandard intersections be considered when DOT's Division of Planning prepares the 1995 - 2001 TIP.
Responsibility	Town Council/RIDOT/Tree Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Ongoing
Cost	NA
Remarks	None

Reference	8.12
Action	Encourage the availability of trails, walkways and bikeways to promote and enhance the tourist and recreational values of the town.
Responsibility	Conservation Commission/Sakonnet Preservation Association/Planning Board/Tree Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Long Term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	Refer to the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space element

Reference	8.13
Action	Encourage the consideration of trails, walkways and bikeways in all development projects.
Responsibility	Planning Board
Stewardship	Planning Board
Timing	Long term
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	8.14
Action	Consider controlling traffic egress from the Post Office corner parking area
Responsibility	Town Council/Highway Department/U.S. Postal Service/Property Owners/Tree Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	8.15
Action	When and if land becomes available, provide sufficient parking and improve safety for employees and visitors of the various Town departments and private businesses on the Commons.
Responsibility	Town Council/Highway Department/Tree Committee
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Intermediate
Cost	TBD
Remarks	None

Reference	8.16
Action	Review proposals for new police/fire complex to ensure that adequate parking is provided and safe routing of emergency vehicles is developed.
Responsibility	Planning Board/Town Council/Police and Fire Departments
Stewardship	Town Council
Timing	Priority
Cost	TBD None
Remarks	

Reference Action	8.17
Responsibility	Improve the parking facilities at Sakonnet Harbor. Planning Board/Town
Stewardship	Council/Harbor Commission
Timing	Town Council
Cost	Priority
Remarks	TBD
	None
