

1. Vision, Goals, and Policies

Our vision for the future of Bristol is a personal statement by the people of our Town about how we want to manage the changes that will shape Bristol in the decades ahead. A vision statement helps to provide a context to and clarity for goals as they are articulated. The vision must serve as a clear guide for engaging the Town to move in certain directions and for motivating people to action. The following statement is a vision of what Bristol intends to be in the future. Deliberately, our goals are set high. This statement is intended to convey some of the emotion that we feel toward our Town and what it can be in the future.

Planning Process

The 2014 update to the Comprehensive Plan began in September of 2013 with the Vision for Bristol civic engagement forum. The Vision for Bristol forum was modeled after the 2007 community forum “Voices for Bristol” -- a very successful broad public engagement process generating a lot of interest from volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee for 2009 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Based on the positive experience with the 2009 Update, the Town requested that the Voices for Bristol group organize another public forum specifically for collecting input for the Town’s 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update and to solicit volunteers to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. This process was also very successful and many enthusiastic citizens expressed a desire to continue the conversations and to work to help achieve the vision.

The Vision for Bristol Forum Report is included in the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update.

As a result of this forum there were 51 residents who signed up to volunteer on the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Residents were asked to provide their area of interest and everyone was included on the Committee and assigned to a particular Comprehensive Plan Element depending on their expressed area of interest. Each of the Planning Board members were assigned a particular element and served as the Chairman of that working group.

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The full Steering Committee worked in plenary session three times and heard presentations from state agencies on climate change, energy efficiency, and the Comprehensive Plan requirements and process. Each of the element working groups also met many more times over the course of six months. Each of the groups researched best practices, interviewed agencies, organizations, and leaders with expertise in the various elements. The Economic Development working group also conducted significant outreach to the business community and interviewed 40 representative businesses from each of the various business sectors in Bristol. Their results were further refined into specific groupings for the recommended action items and each of the action items were also tied to the affected business sector.

The Steering Committee members are as follows:

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Vision Statement

Bristol shall become a model seaside community for the 21st century. It shall become “the gem of the East Bay.” Bristol will be exceptional in the degree to which it will offer a small town, historic character blended with varied living and working environments, all closely connected with the water.

Each Bristol resident will feel that they are part of a long history of careful and people-oriented town-building. Few towns will have the historic resources comparable to Bristol, ranging from one of the most sacred Native American sites – King Phillip’s Chair on Mount Hope – to some of the state’s most exceptional architecture to the only true colonial common in the state.

Bristol will be unmatched in the degree that it offers a range of open space environments in such close proximity to residents’ homes. Bristol’s schools will be rated among the best in the state. Bristol’s government will provide innovative services within a fiscally responsible framework that gives taxpayers the most for their tax dollars.

Bristol will be the home of the small manufacturer as well as the home for a few larger, growing firms that began in Bristol and decided to stay rather than move elsewhere. Bristol will be a place that continues to provide people economic opportunity from the sea through fishing, boating, recreation, aquatic biotechnology and research.

Bristol will be a town that jointly embraces both the past and the future and brings the two together in a manner that will set the standard for decades to come.

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Defining Features and a Central Goal

Two features help to define Bristol's character, and those assets serve as a foundation for this Plan:

1. Location on a peninsula surrounded by coastal waters forming part of Narragansett Bay, and
2. Historic street layouts, sites, and buildings.

When one considers all the factors that make Bristol different from other towns or special, or that affect the way the Town looks or how it operates, or that define its limitations and strengths, one keeps coming back to these two defining features. If this entire Plan can be condensed into one broad goal statement, that statement might read as follows:

The Town of Bristol shall in all its planning efforts attempt respect and reflect its historic character and its close association with the surrounding bays and harbor. These resources shall be protected and enhanced and used as the foundations upon which future change should be built.

Goals and Policies

Land Use

Goal 1. Manage land in a manner that supports the comprehensive planning goals of the Town of Bristol.

Policies to Implement Goal 1:

- A. Protect Bristol's natural landscape and resources for present and future generations.
- B. Respect the historic resources that link Bristol's present with Bristol's past and use these resources as guidelines for managing future growth.
- C. Plan for both passive and active recreation, conservation, and open space, using a comprehensive approach and giving consideration to development trends and to the demands of the community.
- D. Maintain a strong tax base, favorable tax rate and identify alternative revenue sources.
- E. Maintain the character of Bristol and make sure that new development does not adversely impact the integrity of the Town.
- F. Embrace Smart Growth principles, conservation development zoning and encourage sustainability of our resources in all land use decisions made by the Town of Bristol.
- G. Update and modernize the Town's zoning ordinance.

Housing

Goal 1. Work for a continued range of housing opportunities so that Bristol can continue to be home to our traditionally diverse population.

Policies to Implement Goal 1:

- A. Direct Town efforts toward addressing housing needs that the private market does not, or cannot, meet.
- B. Address the needs of Bristol's special demographic groups, to include: working families, single parent families, parents whose children are grown, persons living alone, and the elderly.
- C. Make sure that housing programs first meet the needs of Bristol residents.
- D. Encourage a broad range of housing costs, with special emphasis on creating and maintaining houses and apartments that are affordable to lower income residents.
- E. Work toward a range of housing types to match residents' differing preferences and re-sources for their physical environments.
- F. Encourage a range of housing ownership and rental options to match resident's differing preferences and resources, to include: home ownership, rental, accessory apartments, con-dominium, cooperative, and congregate.
- G. Develop programs to help elderly and others on fixed incomes stay in their homes.
- H. Encourage coordination among the public agencies and the community organizations to leverage their resources and generate new programs.

Goal 2. Ensure that neighborhoods are livable places.

Policies to Implement Goal 2:

- A. Historical and architecturally significant properties should be surveyed and designated for preservation.
- B. The Town is encouraged to investigate new urbanism techniques such as form based vs. use based zoning regulations to maintain characteristics of existing neighborhoods.
- C. Sidewalks are encouraged for safety and sustainability purposes in new developments.
- D. Connectivity must be maintained between neighborhoods as essential to quality of life, as well as for safety and convenience.

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- E. Address the issue of exterior lighting for public and private development, balancing the need for adequate lighting with the need to avoid excessive lighting on nearby residences.
- F. Provide adequate water supply and pressure.
- G. Buffer neighborhoods from incompatible land uses.
- H. The Town should continue to call for adequate buffer zones between incompatible uses (i.e. between adjoining industrial and residential areas).
- I. Take into account existing land use patterns when designing new zoning regulations.
- J. Promote good design in all future developments.
- K. Require that new developments stay within a scale that is appropriate to Bristol and to surrounding homes.
- L. Strengthen the services and amenities that make Bristol a good place to live.

Goal 3. To protect the safety and welfare of all residents, new residential development along the waterfront, especially on undeveloped land, should be carefully reviewed and considered for its appropriateness.

Policies to Implement Goal 3:

- A. It is strongly recommended that the Town continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program in order to allow property owners the ability to purchase flood insurance.
- B. Any waterfront development should be required to provide public lateral access to the waterfront.
- C. The Town will pursue federal and / or state funds to purchase flood prone properties.
- D. The Town must stress the need to maintain large tracts of open land as still exist.

Goal 4. Create affordable housing opportunities and diversify the housing stock.

Policies to Implement Goal 4:

The Town's Affordable Housing Production Plan of 2005 recommends the following affordable housing goals and they are re-affirmed and incorporated in this Plan. The Town of Bristol's affordable housing goals are as follows:

- A. Create a diversity of housing types that meets the current and future needs of low-moderate income residents, employees, and special needs populations. While Bristol does currently have housing for the elderly, families, single persons, and special needs populations, the majority of housing being built in Bristol is out of the reach of the low-mod

populations. The housing gap this causes will continue to grow unless Bristol continues to actively and aggressively pursue the development of affordable housing within the Town.

- B.** Meet and surpass the 10% Goal for Affordable Housing. In 2030 there will be a 532 unit gap between the State’s affordable housing goal and the affordable housing stock currently available in Bristol. The strategies devised by the Town will ensure that this gap is lessened if not entirely eliminated at build out.
- C.** Provide housing opportunities for the Town’s special needs populations. Achieve or maintain, whenever possible, at least a few housing units that will provide opportunities to households of one or more of the groups that have been identified as being of particular need in Bristol, with the following targets: Family Housing 394 Units, Elderly Housing 96 Units, Special Needs Housing 73 units. Include careful and creative decisions about how the public purpose of expanded housing opportunity can be combined with other public purposes on any given site.
- D.** Revise the zoning ordinance to promote affordable housing and housing that meets the needs of all Bristol citizens.
- E.** Identify potential locations for affordable housing development.
- F.** Strengthen partnerships and build community support for affordable housing development.
- G.** Identify existing and new resources for affordable housing development.
- H.** Ensure the long term affordability of housing.

Economic Development

Goal 1. Foster the local economic base.

Policies to Implement Goal 1:

- A.** Build on the Town's manufacturing base.
- B.** Encourage small retail and service businesses that meet local needs.
- C.** Encourage high value businesses.
- D.** Keep options open for growing firms to find the type of space they need at a price they can afford.
- E.** Promote Bristol as a good business location.
- F.** Encourage businesses that will last and flourish because their specialties create defensible market niches.
- G.** Play a more active role in guiding economic development, such as using the powers authorized by State Law for the Redevelopment Authority to

promote redevelopment of blighted structures and marketing the Town as a good place to do business.

- H. Provide a high quality infrastructure system that supports continued economic growth.
- I. Don't permit the rezoning of manufacturing and commercial land for residential purposes.

Goal 2. Work for a mutually supportive relationship between activities and other aspects of town life.

Policies to implement Goal 2:

- A. Understand, develop, and promote the skills of Bristol residents in conjunction with the University, continuing education and the Bristol-Warren School System.
- B. Keep a business base that lets residents walk to work.
- C. Strengthen the amenities that make the Town attractive to business, to include: a good education system, homes affordable to employees, good municipal services.
- D. Encourage new businesses that complement those already in Bristol.
- E. Attract businesses that don't threaten the environment.
- F. Encourage the reuse and rehabilitation of old industrial buildings and sites, either by incentives to the private sector or action by the Redevelopment Authority using powers authorized by State Law.
- G. Buffer commercial and industrial activities from adjoining uses where possible to alleviate incompatibilities.
- H. Strike a workable compromise between some types of businesses' need for visibility, and the Town's policies regarding open space, landscape preservation and signage.
- I. Promote tourism that complements the Town's environmental, scenic and historic resources as a means for economic development.

Natural, Historical and Cultural Resources

Goal 1. Protect Bristol's natural landscape and resources for present and future generations.

Policies to Implement Goal 1:

- A. Protect Bristol's water, air, soil, plant, and wildlife resources, especially all resources that are identified as being threatened or endangered. Protect

and encourage biological diversity. Conserve and manage natural resources in a manner that consistent with the contemporary vision of the town.

- B.** Use and update the Bristol Open Space Plan. Create a list of open space areas and access points.
- C.** Work to conserve and protect fields and farmlands in Bristol through acquiring development rights, acquisition, easements, or conservation restrictions by the Town or the Bristol Land Trust. The Fales and Pagano farms are now protected.
- D.** Protect Bristol's groundwater supplies and attempt to include the Bristol County Water Authority within the oversight of the State Public Utilities Commission (PUC) or other similar State organization such as the RI Water Resources Board.
- E.** Ensure that future generations have well marked, maintained and enforced public access points to the bays and to fresh water resources.
- F.** Increase and maintain the forest cover by 25% by the year 2020.

Goal 2. Continue to protect the historic and cultural resources that link Bristol's PAST with the vision for Bristol's FUTURE.

Policies to Implement Goal 2:

- A.** Define, promote and protect elements of each part of Bristol's cultural heritage including its cultural and historic institutions.
- B.** Continue to update and expand the local and National Register Districts.
- C.** Incorporate historic resource protection and planning within the overall community planning and development review process. Identify and protect historic, cultural and natural landscapes, plantings and features within Bristol.
- D.** Coordinate the historic preservation and planning policies of the various branches of local and State government.

Goal 3. Protect and foster cultural diversity and reinforce the character defining events, activities, and features within the Town. Utilize open space for cultural activities.

Policies to Implement Goal 3:

- A.** Identify and reinforce the cultural aspects that make Bristol a special place to live.
- B.** Limit the adverse impact of proposed development upon the cultural resources of the Town.
- C.** Support and promote development that protects and enhances the cultural resources of the Town, including its cultural institutions.

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- D. Tell the Bristol story through installation of interpretative signs throughout town and work on the development of a Bristol Historical or Heritage Trail both on land and on the water. Some signage is in place at the East Bay Bike Path.
- E. Continue to work with Newport Chamber of Commerce and Explore Bristol to publicize and promote tourism in Bristol through, for example, efforts such as the Bristol - Newport Heritage Trail and similar initiatives.

Goal 4. Educate and motivate the public to encourage involvement and increased awareness of every person's responsibility to preserve and protect the natural, historical and cultural character of the Town.

Policies to Implement Goal 4:

- A. Regulate growth and development so as to protect natural, historical, and cultural resources for future generations.
- B. Educate the public to the long term value of the natural, cultural, historical resources and their relation to the quality of life.
- C. Commit long term financial resources of the Town to protecting open and natural land for public purposes while ensuring that the long-term costs of maintenance and liability are considered when deciding on public acquisition of lands or land rights.
- D. Monitor the state and federal government's role in resource protection and insist on improvements where they are needed.
- E. To encourage creative deliberation among interested public and private parties focused on utilizing our natural, historical and cultural resources as engines for economic development.

Goal 5. Promote environmental education and conservation for children and adults.

Policies to achieve Goal 5:

- A. Conduct environmental education classes that coincide with existing recreational programs and partnerships with local organizations such as Save Bristol Harbor, Bristol Land Trust, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and Bristol Recycles.
- B. Install environmental and conservation related signage and kiosks where appropriate to educate the public to ongoing environmentally beneficial projects.
- C. Promote education relating to water quality and protection of water resources recognizing that Bristol is a peninsula that is surrounded by and dependent upon water.
- D. Promote environmental stewardship of land and water resources in school and recreational programs geared towards children.

- E. Promote efforts to increase recycling and educate residents on the importance of recycling and proper recycling methods.

Goal 6. Promote water quality improvements to bay and other waterways in Bristol

Policies to achieve Goal 6:

- A. Incorporate water quality benefits in all developments and reconstruction projects undertaken by the Town.
- B. Study and consider adoption of stormwater utility district to fund water quality improvement projects.

Open Space, Preservation and Recreation

Goal 1. Maximize the public's ability to gain access to, and enjoy, the waterfront and bay areas that surround the Town.

Policies to Implement Goal 1:

- A. Acquire additional beach and/or waterfront frontage along Bristol's shoreline.
- B. Improve and maintain public boat launch sites along Bristol Harbor, Narragansett Bay, Mount Hope Bay, and the Kickemuit River, including small areas for kayaks.
- C. Wherever possible, protect or regain the public's ability to view the bays and walk to the water's edge.
- D. Maintain and publicize existing public rights of way and public access points throughout the Town.

Goal 2. Increase and improve land area reserved for passive recreation, conservation, and open space.

Policies to Implement Goal 2:

- A. Acquire additional land in appropriate areas for passive recreation and trails (walking, biking, bridle, etc.) to enhance the quality of life of Bristol's increasing population.
- B. Acquire additional land for purely conservation purposes, to be left in its original pristine state and also to protect diminishing ecologically sensitive areas.

- C. Protect areas which provide greenbelts, open space, and relief from development – including Town-owned parks and open space parcels – through various ‘layers’ of protection, such as conservation easements.
- D. Continue efforts to increase, acquire, and protect existing areas of the Silver Creek Watershed Area.
- E. Dedicate various Town-owned lots for sustainable and organic community gardens for the community’s use. These gardens offer a sense of pride in one’s community, help offset rising food costs, and give the opportunity for residents without yards to connect with the land.

Goal 3. Create active recreation programs and facilities to serve the full range of Bristol residents.

Policies to Implement Goal 3:

- A. Ensure accessibility to open space and recreation areas for a diverse segment of the population.
- B. Maintain emphasis upon a variety of imaginative new programs for recreation.
- C. Support recreation’s role as a community activity that brings people together.
- D. Recreation Department should develop a master facilities plan which includes long range (5 year) plans, goals, and needs, keeping in mind the individual athletic associations currently in town.
- E. Continue to encourage fair and equitable use of Town recreation facilities for all community groups through sensitive scheduling and sharing of facilities.
- F. Acquire additional land for active recreation to enhance the quality of life of Bristol's increasing population.
- G. Develop additional small neighborhood parks and open spaces in residential areas.

Goal 4. Plan for recreation and conservation of open space by using a coordinated approach -- to include multiple uses of a site, and diverse forms of ownership, management, and financing.

Policies to Implement Goal 4:

- A. Coordinate public and private recreational opportunities to avoid duplication and to ensure efficient and cost effective use of recreational facilities.
- B. Cooperate and coordinate with the State of Rhode Island, particularly in regard to the future of the state-owned Colt Park and the Veterans' Home property.

- C. Develop recreation complexes rather than single purpose facilities, for example through combining education and recreation, or linking active recreation areas with quiet enjoyment of conservation lands or passive recreation. This would require coordination with the school and recreation departments.
- D. While respecting the privacy of residences, connect recreation areas, neighborhoods, and as many other Town facilities as possible with a system of walkways, hiking trails, bikeways, greenbelts, and bridle trails.
- E. Continue to use the Town budget process to acquire and open space parcels and develop recreation facilities within the financial capabilities of the Town. Use funds more effectively, particularly in accommodating the needs and responsibilities of different agencies. Possibilities include, utilizing private, other local, and state agencies, as appropriate to receive and manage contributions designated for the purchase of land, easements, or development rights and to partner with the Town on the acquisition of properties for open space preservation.
- F. Contact owners of private parcels that are important potential open space and recreation amenities in town, and discuss how these amenities might be conserved over time. Other options, such as conservation easements, purchase of development rights, right of first refusal, tax incentives, grants, zoning ordinances, conservation development, wetlands protection, and other regulations, should be used in addition to outright purchase for obtaining and preserving recreation, conservation, and open space sites.
- G. Continue to act upon the options for acquiring dedicated open space lands through the Subdivision Rules and Regulations including Impact Fees.
- H. Explore the potential recreation opportunities resulting from the closure of the Minturn Farm Area Landfill.
- I. Continue to acquire and/or protect land in the area of Mount Hope through local, state and federal monies, through local and State regulations, and through private foundations and land donations.
- J. Use all available resources to purchase development rights for preservation of the last remaining farms in Bristol.
- K. Consider potential recreational uses for decommissioned downtown school buildings.
- L. Consider the recreation needs of students in future school facility plans.

Circulation and Transportation

Goal 1. Increase the ability to travel about town with ease.

Policies to Implement Goal 1

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- A. Provide more alternatives for residents to move about within Bristol without using Metacom Avenue or Hope Street.
 - Improve links between neighborhood streets so that short cut use by regional traffic is discouraged.
 - Integrate neighborhoods, services, and recreation areas with bikeways and walkways. (See the Path System described in the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element)
 - Continue linkage of Town’s nature trails.
 - Reference the Poppasquash Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility report for guidance on connecting Hope Street to the East Bay Bike Path and the Colt State Park Bike Path.
- B. Provide sidewalks or paths in areas where none exist. Encourage sidewalks in new development that will connect with other sidewalks and trails. Greater focus on sidewalks should be directed to Hope Street, Ferry Road, and Metacom Avenue.
- C. Manage parking, permitted land uses, signs, and traffic speed so as to protect the rights and safety of pedestrians and to encourage more walking.
- D. Require future subdivision roads to link with the overall street system and provide interconnecting links to avoid cul-de-sacs.

Goal 2. Alleviate congestion caused by regional traffic patterns.

Policies to Implement Goal 2:

- A. Encourage modes of transportation that are alternatives to the automobile.
 - Keep options open for rapid and water transit from Bristol to Providence to Newport and light rail from Bristol to Providence to Newport.
 - Consider how commuter bus service or van pools might serve Bristol residents.
 - Work with RIPTA in identifying, establishing and promoting a designated park and ride lot on both Hope St (Rt. 114) and Metacom (Rt. 136).
 - Provide safer access to boarding buses at bus stops.
- B. The recommendations from the Metacom Avenue Corridor Management Plan should be required by the Planning Board in addressing development on or near Metacom Avenue.
- C. Reduce and/or eliminate the curb cuts along regional street systems. Only consider new curb cuts if there is no other way to access a property.
- D. Examine the feasibility of providing for most neighborhoods the option of accessing Route 114 or Route 136 via an existing signalized intersection.

- E. Avoid regional traffic solutions, such as a bypass, that would benefit only regional travelers while hurting impacted neighborhoods and local businesses.
- F. Minimize air pollution and surface water runoff pollution by encouraging alternative forms of transit to the gas powered automobile.
- G. Collaborate with other towns (Warren and Barrington) to examine more efficient alternatives for transportation between the towns.

Goal 3. Support economic development through a well-planned transportation system.

Policies to Implement Goal 3:

- A. Maintain adequate traffic flows through commercial areas so as to support the local economic base. Include wayfinding to encourage people to park their vehicles and walk to destinations.
- B. Improve the quality of roads and/or transit systems to commercial and industrial areas.
- C. The installation of bicycle racks strategically placed throughout the Town will promote alternative transportation and create an invitation for visitors from the bike path to stay longer in town, therefore promoting area businesses.
- D. Explore means to provide additional parking in the downtown to support economic development while protecting the areas character.
- E. Study the possibility to expand alternate trolley service that could include an agreement with Roger Williams University to utilize their shuttle service.

Goal 4. Maintain a high quality transportation system.

Policies to Implement Goal 4:

- A. Continue with an annual pavement management program as recently adopted.
- B. All roads should be built only in accordance with the standards of a public road.
- C. Maintain and improve the Town's roadways and drainage.
- D. Work with RIPTA in identifying placement of bus shelters along the RIPTA bus route. Utilize to the fullest the financial incentives provided by RIPTA to construct shelters, as needed.

Goal 5. Provide adequate parking facilities for auto users without losing key elements of the Town's character.

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- A. Discourage demolition of historic and other buildings important to Town's character for the purposes of providing parking lots.
- B. Work with the private sector to provide parking facilities.
- C. Explore the creation of parking areas for regional transit facilities.
- D. Continue to set high standards for design of parking facilities including landscaping, buffering, handicapped accessibility, pedestrian walkways, and lighting.
- E. Protect the environment from parking area stormwater runoff.
- F. Improve signage to direct the public to designated public parking areas, in addition to providing clear and concise signage as to rules governing regulations related to a given parking area.

Services and Facilities

Goal 1. Continually seek to strengthen the quality of the Bristol/Warren School System's facilities in order to smooth the progress of teaching and programming.

Policies to Implement Goal 1:

- A. Continually review and seek to improve teaching and program quality through appropriate coordination of all levels of government.

Goal 2. Provide Bristol with sufficient water to meet projected growth.

Policies to Implement Goal 2:

- A. Protect current water sources from further deterioration.
- B. Promptly implement the program to upgrade the water delivery system to include new pipes and looping to improve circulation and pressure.
- C. Increase efforts to conserve water at all levels of use.
- D. Ensure that Bristol maintains into the future its options to use surface reservoirs.
- E. The costs and benefits of future supply systems should be evaluated carefully by the Town.
- F. Implement strong effective measures to improve the management structure and administration of the BCWA.
- G. Establish a municipal drought management response strategy between the Town and the BCWA, in conjunction with state agencies and in compliance with the State Guide Plan Element 724 Rhode Island Drought Management Plan.

Goal 3. Manage growth so as not to overtax the sewer system.

Policies to Implement Goal 3:

- A. Implement plans to expand gravity flow sewers.
- B. Plan for growth in areas that are, or can be, served by the sewer system.
- C. Direct growth away from areas that have no sewers and lie over or near critical environmental resources.
- D. Reduce the amount of stormwater infiltration into the sewer system during significant storm events.
- E. Revisit the Wastewater Facilities Plan of 2000 and determine effectiveness of the implementation and additional projects that may need to be addressed.

Goal 4. Maintain a favorable tax base.

Policies to Implement Goal 4:

- A. Encourage balanced growth.
- B. Manage growth in concert with the fiscal capacities of the community.

Goal 5. Maintain public infrastructure and services at a high level of excellence.

Policies to Implement Goal 5:

- A. Measure and monitor the quality of services so as to maintain high quality.
- B. Plan for changing service requirements as demographics and economics change.
- C. Continue to update and fund the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Town's infrastructure and ensure adequate funding for Town services.

Goal 6. Plan for and provide adequate services and facilities for emergency situations.

Policies to Implement Goal 6:

- A. Maintain the high quality of Bristol's emergency services and facilities.
- B. Continue to update hazard mitigation plans which will result in fewer storm related impacts and losses to life and property.

Goal 7. Continually improve the efficiency of government while working to achieve excellent and equitable services.

Policies to Implement Goal 7:

- A.** Seek ways to cooperate with the private sector to maintain and improve facilities and services.
- B.** Seek new, more efficient ways of including volunteers in the operation of Town government.

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