

11.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

This final chapter of the Tiverton Comprehensive Community Plan assigns responsibility for attainment of the goals, objectives and policy actions contained in the preceding chapters.

11.1 CONTINUOUS PLANNING

The Comprehensive Community Plan is part of a continuous planning and implementation process. At the time of adoption, the Plan reflects the objectives and priorities of the Town, and shall serve as a guide to the Town Council, Planning Board and Town Administration in making assignments, pursuing grants, and allocating funds. The Town Administrator and department heads will actively contribute to the five-year updates to the Plan to ensure it reflects the best available information and keeps pace with the needs and desires of the community.

The Plan serves as the foundation for a detailed review of the Town's Zoning Code. State law requires that the Zoning Code be reviewed and amended as necessary to conform to the Comprehensive Community Plan. The initial review of the Zoning Code will be undertaken by the Planning Board as the first and most critical implementation action following final adoption of the Plan. The Planning Board serves as custodian of the Plan. The Board must drive the process to update the Plan every five years.

11.2 IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

Each of the Plan elements in Chapters 4 through 10 contain numerous "actions" designed to support the overarching goals and detailed objectives of the Plan. The Town has determined that this Plan is a guide for activity that will have an impact not only on policy setting, but also the agenda and working time of its volunteer boards and commissions and Town staff.

The chart which follows assigns "actions" to the most appropriate Town agency for implementation. The authority ultimately responsible for binding action or policy choice is noted as the "primary responsibility," for each action item. The actual implementation work is often shouldered by the "supporting responsibility" as noted. Early chart entries note the Town agency's source of authority; as the chart progresses, knowledge of the source of authority is assumed.

An annual review of implementation progress will be made by the Planning Board. A report will be transmitted to the Town Council as part of the budget process. Elements requiring capital or operating budget allocations will be reprioritized annually based on changing conditions.

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Action #	Action Description	Primary Responsibility	Supporting Responsibility	Notes	Time-frame
ELEMENT 4: NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES					
Action 1	Continue an active program of land acquisition to protect open space and rural character using the selection criteria described in Element 9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council must approve final action on all land acquisition Open Space Commission conducts all activities required to prepare grant applications and administers funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space and Land Preservation Commission conducts this activity to meet Town Charter mandate at Section 1004, reports to Town Administrator Town Solicitor provides all legal support for real estate transactions, including closing and recording Town Treasurer holds all open space funds in a restricted fund account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination of activities with private land conservation entities is a sustaining and vital part of meeting this action item Availability of grant funds and land meeting selection criteria set the pace for meeting this action item 	ON
Action 2	Identify and develop an awareness and appreciation of elements of the Town’s rural character, such as farms, barns, open fields, stonewalls, mature trees, tree rows, and treed neighborhoods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission (per Town Charter Section 1003) and Town Planner will coordinate to document and inventory unique places to inform planning, design review and conservation efforts 			ST
Action 3	The Planning Board should work with developers to promote rural residential developments as the preferred type of development pattern, particularly in the Town’s less developed areas. Further, the Planning Board should adopt regulations enabling the services of professional design consultants to review Master Plans at the expense of the developer and assure consistency with the state’s Low Impact Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Officer, especially at ad-hoc/pre-application, technical review and development review stages 		ON

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	goals. (see Policies 5, 6 & 7).				
Action 4	Promote local stewardship of the Town’s tree resources utilizing the Plan for Urban and Community Forestry (State Guide Plan Element 156, May 1999) and continue to require protection of significant trees and to specify replacement trees for new developments and subdivisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Commission must identify assets to be protected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support from Zoning and Planning Boards through issuance of approvals conditioned upon compliance with Tree Commission recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent / transparent record could be created through GIS data layer 	ON
Action 5	Minimize the impacts of development to natural features and pre-development hydrology by incorporating into Tiverton’s Major Land Development and Subdivision Regulations key provisions of the RI Low Impact Development Site Planning and Design Guidance Manual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board may amend Subdivision Regulations provided process in Appendix B Article 12 of the Tiverton Ordinance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission may assist through research and recommendation, under its individual mandate to consider all matters of natural environment 		ST
Action 6	Amend Tiverton’s Major Land Development and Subdivision Regulations with language from the RI Low Impact Development Site Planning and Design Guidance Manual to assure that land alterations minimize high impacts such as excessive impervious cover, destruction of natural features and the use of inappropriate, high-maintenance vegetation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board may amend Subdivision Regulations provided process in Appendix B Article 12 of the Tiverton Ordinance 			ST
Action 7	Manage the impacts of construction development at the source to minimize pollution to surface and groundwater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board – establish subdivision regulations to support this goal Administrative Officer, Consulting Engineer: enforcement of existing and new regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning Official: enforce all requirements for Environmental Review Statements in watershed overlay and other zones / situations where required 		ON

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Visual Quality					
Action 8	Establish written design standards to assist developers in adopting architectural designs for new commercial and mixed-use development compatible with the Town's historic and rural character.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design book approved by Planning Board as part of deliberations concerning Tiverton Crossings must now be enforced by Administrative Officer and the Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support from Town Solicitor may be required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attention must be paid to the drafting of the language in any design guidelines to prevent unintended consequences arising from vague provisions 	ON
Action 9	Adopt specific design standards for Tiverton Four Corners based on the Secretary of the Interior's 'Standards for the Treatment of Historical Properties' and the RIHPHC's 'Easy Guide to Rehab Standards'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board may amend Subdivision Regulations provided process in Appendix B Article 12 of the Tiverton Ordinance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Preservation Advisory Committee must document covered properties and support Planning Board deliberations 		MT
Action 10	Continue to identify natural and scenic vistas and apply standards for their protection as part of the Planning Board's development review process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board may amend Subdivision Regulations provided process in Appendix B Article 12 of the Tiverton Ordinance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission to identify key areas and incorporate into database / GIS data layer 		ON
Surface Water and Groundwater Supply					
Action 11	Establish procedures to identify parcels of land that may contain significant sources of surface or groundwater pollutants and that might violate local, state and/or Federal regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission for establishing procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where local regulations are violated, reference to appropriate enforcement authority must be made – Zoning Official, Police Enforcement actions must be supported by Town Administrator and, when applicable, the Town Council if licensing issues are involved 		ON
Action 12	Tiverton should review and update Earth Removal regulations, designed to protect groundwater, assure public safety and curb dust, noise and vibration caused by blasting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Removal Ordinance is within the purview of the Town Council to amend Specific authorization from the General 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Solicitor to interface with General Assembly delegation and draft State and local language as needed 		ST

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		Assembly may be required to regulate certain mining activities			
Stafford Pond					
Action 13a	Establish a Stafford Pond Watershed Association that includes representatives of the water districts, town boards and commissions, residents and business people which have an interest in the watershed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Council could form a committee of these stakeholders, but would be best if it were assigned a specific task 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more general Association would take private action / cooperation 	ST
Action 13b	Work together with RIDEM, RIDOT and the Stone Bridge Water District to develop and implement a plan for recreational usage that protects and ensures Stafford Pond's long-term viability as a drinking water source.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RIDEM RIDOT Stone Bridge Water District 	MT
Action 13c	The Tiverton Open Space Commission (TOSC) should investigate the legal and financial feasibility of acquiring developed parcels in the Stafford Pond watershed. The TOSC, working proactively with the Tiverton Land Trust and the R.I. Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, should develop policies that place a higher priority on the acquisition of land in the Stafford Pond watershed in order to protect the pond's water quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission may advise on highest priority acquisitions given research into parcels with greatest impact on water quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This work is ongoing, negotiations for undeveloped parcels near Stafford Pond are ongoing 	ON
Nonquit Pond					
Action 14	Continue to monitor potential leachate contamination from the Tiverton landfill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Public Works, utilizing assigned engineering / environmental testing firm(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling Committee Conservation Commission 		ON
Action 15	Utilize the services of URI Cooperative Extension to update and improve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council takes final action on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner coordinates activity 		ST

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	regulatory requirements in the Zoning Ordinance Article VIII Watershed Protection Overlay Districts.	Zoning Code amendments	to generate recommendations		
Wetlands					
Action 16	Preserve wetlands to protect groundwater recharge areas, control flooding and preserve wildlife habitats by ensuring compliance with the Rhode Island Freshwater Wetlands Act. Consider additional regulatory measures to protect freshwater wetlands and jurisdictional wetland buffers, consistent with State enabling legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 		ST
Coastal Features					
Action 17	Update the Harbor Management Plan as necessary to ensure protection of environmentally sensitive areas, as required by the CRMC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Commission 			ST
Action 18	Consider standards for the protection of coastal scenic views as part of the Planning Board's subdivision review process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice from Harbor, Conservation and Open Space Commissions Administrative Officer has role to play in implementation 		LT
Environmental Quality					
Action 19	Enact and enforce the proposed amendments to the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance as recommended in the Phase II Stormwater Management Plan. Adopt procedures in the Major Land Development and Subdivision Regulations to assure compliance with the Rhode Island Soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council when and if necessary (for matters outside of subdivision regulations) 		MT

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	Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook and the RI Stormwater Design & Installation Standards Manual, which went into effect January 1, 2011.				
Historical and Archeological Resources					
Action 20	The Historical Preservation Advisory Board should consider policies and programs to encourage the preservation of historic buildings consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties as interpreted by RIHPHC's Easy Guide to Rehab Standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Preservation Advisory Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board and Town Council support as appropriate 		MT
Action 21	Solicit assistance from the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission to acquire funds to study the origins of the Eight Rod Way archeological remains and develop a protection strategy that correlates with the open space preservation effort described in Element 9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Preservation Advisory Board, with direct support from Town Administrator and /or Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission support necessary for successful completion, Town Administrator to coordinate activities of boards 		MT
Action 22	The Historical Preservation Advisory Board should undertake an initiative to locate and secure copies of colonial era land evidence records that are presently located outside of Tiverton.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Preservation Advisory Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton Public Library resources may be of some assistance in this effort 		LT
ELEMENT 5: LAND USE					
Action 1	Ensure that the land use goal and specific visions for desirable future development, as stated in this Comprehensive Community Plan, are achievable with the zoning and subdivision regulations, and that these regulations remain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultimate responsibility for Zoning Code review and updates lies with Town Council Planning Board responsible for updating Subdivision Regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner and Zoning Official identify areas of concern Planning Board makes recommendations regarding zoning Ad hoc Land Use Procedure Improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator, Town Solicitor and Town Clerk (codification) have significant support roles to establish and refine pace and content of updates 	ST

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	relevant through periodic monitoring and review.		Committee should continue to meet to identify issues (Town Council should extend time period of mandate)		
Industrial Land Uses					
Action 2a	Evaluate the development potential of the vacant industrial property in Tiverton, and consider rezoning to allow uses that are compatible with the environment, the surrounding area and the small town character of Tiverton. A study area has been identified on the future land use map to facilitate the completion of this action item. Specific consideration should be given to action items 2b and 2c identified in more detail below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ST
Action 2b	Evaluate and consider rezoning the Industrial Zone into low impact/higher impact zones to minimize conflict between residential and industrial uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ST
Action 2c	Evaluate industrial land within the Stafford Pond Watershed and consider rezoning to ensure uses are compatible with and minimize risks to the drinking water supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 		ST
Marine & Waterfront Related Uses					
Action 3	Follow-up on waterfront-related studies and design concepts with a comprehensive waterfront plan that evaluates long-term options for development, improves aesthetics and increases public access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Commission 		MT
Action 4	Complete the repair of the Stone Bridge abutment and improvements to Grinnell's Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RI Department of Transportation to complete design and administer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Commission Harbor Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grinnell's Beach Committee has completed its 	ST

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		construction at Stone Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council and Administrator must allocate resources to meet match requirements of RI Department of Environmental Management recreation development grant to fund Grinnell’s Beach project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 	work but members still involved in crafting final work plan	
Action 5	Review and consider modifying zoning regulations in all shoreline zones to minimize effects of natural hazards, especially flooding and hurricane damage as well as future sea level rise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Commission Conservation Commission 		ST
<i>Diversification of Town Tax Base</i>					
Action 6	Support industrial and commercial uses that result in net tax revenue and desirable employment opportunities, and are compatible with the available infrastructure, the desired character and design objectives of the commercial districts, and are consistent with the small town nature of Tiverton.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council (Industrial Park) Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner: tailors efforts to develop park according to community preferences Town Solicitor: review of restrictive covenants etc. relating to Industrial Park land to assure that objectives of this action item are being met 		ST
Action 7	Appoint a study committee to evaluate future land use options in the Souza Road area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 			ST
Action 8	Evaluate the Village Commercial District to ensure that the unique identity of Tiverton Four Corners is preserved while protecting the ground and surface water supply in the Nonquit Pond Watershed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 		ST
<i>Town-Owned Parcels</i>					
Action 9	Inventory and evaluate town-owned property to determine its best use and value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Assessor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land of low value sale is overdue; Tax 	ST

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				Collector should pursue	
Utility and Infrastructure					
Action 10	Allow the expansion of sewer and water utilities into areas of town that are not presently serviced only in a manner that is fully supportable and consistent with the desired land uses and densities as identified in this Comprehensive Community Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 			ON
Action 11	Review and consider amending the Watershed Protection Overlay District zoning regulations to provide enhanced protection to ground and surface waters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 		ST
Action 12a	Ensure that development and zoning regulations are consistent with remediation plans and objectives as outlined in RI DEM approved TMDL plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner conducts review 			ST
Action 12b	Update Tiverton GIS maps to include TMDL locations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ST
Action 13a	Review and consider amending Zoning Ordinances with regard to development within Public Wellhead Protection Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner conducts review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission 		MT
Action 13b	Update Tiverton GIS Maps to include all RIDEM designated Wellhead Protection Areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ST
Action 14	Consider incorporation of Low Impact Development requirements as endorsed in the Rhode Island DEM's Low Impact Development Site Planning and Design Guidance Manual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 		ST
Action 15	Review current allowable density regulations in all residential zones and/or zones that allow a residential component and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board Town Planner Town Solicitor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton Waste Water District, North Tiverton Fire District and Stonebridge 	ST

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	modify as necessary to ensure development is supportable by available water, wastewater and fire suppression capacity.			Fire District all key players in providing information and taking concrete actions to support this action item	
Design Standards					
Action 16	Develop regulations with regard to the siting of utility and accessory structures, so that the design and operation of such utilities are consistent with the aesthetic value and character of the surrounding neighborhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board reviews language and makes recommendation Town Planner Zoning Official Town Solicitor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue identified as a zoning code matter to be enforced by Code Enforcement office 	MT
Action 17	Consider incorporation of design guidelines into the Zoning Ordinance as a means to ensure development is consistent with the character and sense of place goals in the ordinance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council takes final action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board makes recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner initiates inquiry 	MT
Action 18	Monitor development trends in mixed commercial zones and consider modifying allowable density calculations to ensure there is adequate infrastructure and services to support projected growth and meet desired commercial to residential ratios.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council takes final action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board makes recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner initiates inquiry 	ON
Administration, Enforcement and Coordination of Land Use Regulations					
Action 19	Establish a planning department with a full-time planner and staff that support the work of the Planning Board and works in conjunction with all town departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been established but still remains controversial and contested 	ON
Action 20	Review zoning enforcement policies and staffing to ensure a high level of compliance with established Zoning Ordinances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Solicitor 	ON

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Action 21	Consider a process to document pre-existing non-conforming uses especially in cases where significant zoning changes alter the legal status of a property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning Official, oversight by / reports to Town Administrator 			ST
Action 22	Review, and modify as necessary, the impact fee ordinance to ensure Tiverton's ability to provide quality services and facilities to town residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Treasurer Town Solicitor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Department also plays a key role in providing information and analysis 	ST
ELEMENT 6: HOUSING					
<i>Preservation, Conservation and Enhancement Actions</i>					
Action 1	Require developers of sites containing historic structures to consider plans that conserve these structures and complement them with new structures of compatible scale, design and building materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Preservation Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasible both through designation of historic district or Subdivision Regulations (or both) 	MT
Action 2	Explore a broader range of permitted uses for large, older residential structures, including bed and breakfasts, and offices, subject to standards and controls which preserve the character of the neighborhood and the architectural integrity of the structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council, with recommendation from Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning Official and Planner identify targeted areas where alternative designation or use table amendments might be harmonious with existing zoning / settlement pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model ordinance from other RI communities would be helpful (if existing) 	MT
Action 3	Investigate sources of grant money and other available funds to assist owners in preserving historic and architecturally significant structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, with support via Town website 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants available only to private parties can be advertised 	ST
Action 4	Annually review home sales statistics, and modify as necessary, development tools and zoning regulations to ensure community and economic viability across all of Tiverton's diverse neighborhoods and housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council and/or Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Economic Development Commission 		ST

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Mixture of Housing Types					
Action 5	Strengthen and clarify zoning provisions that allow multi-family dwellings to encourage townhouses or condominium-style developments as an alternative to single family developments in certain districts, while retaining supportable density, as well as scale and character of the surrounding neighborhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner, advising Planning Board, which must decide recommendations to make to Town Council 		ON
Action 6	Continue to evaluate zoning provisions that allow mixed-use residential with supportable density to ensure that providing a residential component in commercial development where appropriate is encouraged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ON
Affordable Housing Plan					
Action 7	Continue support for inclusionary zoning provisions that require all future multi-family developments present a plan that sets aside a minimum of 30% of the units as affordable (low and moderate). Continue to require that all single-family developments present a plan that sets aside 20% of the units as affordable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Officer to the Planning Board 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essentially calls for continuation of existing policies 	ON
Action 8	Implement a plan to utilize new amendments to the State inclusionary zoning regulation including fee-in-lieu, offsite construction, and rehabilitation that will best achieve Tiverton's goal of 10% affordable housing units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board Town Planner 		ST
Action 9	Encourage the development of multi-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning Official 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action item presumes a proactive 	ON

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	family and mixed-use units in designated zones.			stance, a desired but atypical approach for a small, busy department	
Action 10	Continue to support the development of specialized residential compounds, such as art and agricultural colonies, which could provide affordable housing options in the more rural portions of Tiverton.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning Official 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action item presumes a proactive stance, a desired but atypical approach for a small, busy department 	ON
Action 11	Establish an Affordable Housing Commission to monitor and actively promote the development of affordable housing units in Tiverton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 			ST
ELEMENT 7: SERVICES AND FACILITIES					
Action 1	Develop and annually update a five-year facilities and capital equipment budget for the various town departments and ancillary services, including public safety, schools, library, water, public sewage and landfill management, which might be realized through taxes, fees, bond issuance and State and Federal funding, within the Town's financial capabilities. The plan should also consider adjustments to the existing Development Impact Fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board Department heads 		ST
Action 2	Consider the consolidation of fire and police facilities into a central public safety complex.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Public safety Chiefs 		LT
Action 3	Analyze the risk posed by Tiverton's inaccessible forest areas, in coordination with the RIDEM Division of Forestry, the Tiverton Open Space Commission, and the Tiverton Land Trust and develop an	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Department Chief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue identified and discussed as part of Hazard Mitigation Planning process 	ST

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	appropriate fire control plan.				
Action 4	Provide a broad range of library services for all age groups and cultural-ethnic backgrounds, which maximizes the potential of the new Tiverton Public Library. Retain Union Library as an important program facility and a vital component in the architectural setting of historic Tiverton Four Corners. Develop a plan for the long-term maintenance of the new Tiverton Public Library building and surrounding grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Board of Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton Public Library staff 		ON
Action 5	Establish a 'Friends of the Senior Center' group to organize development and construction of a new facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Senior Center Director 		LT
Action 6	The Cemetery Commission should address land availability and financial needs to ensure successful operation of the Pocasset Hill Cemetery and other burial lands for the foreseeable future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemetery Commission 			ON
Action 7	Undertake a comprehensive study of current and future potable water needs in all of Tiverton to determine what constraints exist and how future development and build-out will impact water supplies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Tiverton Fire District Stonebridge Fire District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Chief has a direct role in planning fire suppression capacity and capabilities 	ST
Action 8	Consider merging the North Tiverton Fire District and the Stone Bridge Fire District into a single entity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Tiverton Fire District Stonebridge Fire District 			MT
Action 9	Develop a town-wide Drought Management Strategy outlining a joint effort between the Town of Tiverton and the North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management Director (Fire Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Tiverton Fire District Stonebridge Fire District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue identified and discussed as part of Hazard Mitigation 	ST

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	Tiverton and Stone Bridge Fire Districts.			Planning process	
Action 10	Continue the work of the Tiverton Waste Water District (TWWD) to implement a phased expansion of sewers in the north end of the town, especially the Bay Street area, the Riverside Drive area, the Robert Gray area and the area north of Judson Street, so as to address the environmental challenges resulting from failed cesspools and outdated septic systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton Waste Water District 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OWTS inspection program (Town funded, administered by TWWD) requires adequate funding to support cesspool phase out and sewer expansion efforts 	ON
Action 11	New roadways or existing roadways which are to be completely reconstructed should provide for the safety of all users of all ages and abilities including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists. Sidewalks are strongly encouraged along roadways where pedestrian use is sufficient. Bicycle lanes and crosswalks are also encouraged where use patterns establish a clear need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 			ON
Action 12	Prepare for the closing, capping and monitoring of the municipal solid waste landfill by seeking additional funding sources to cover the cost of closure. Study alternative methods of solid waste disposal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Department of Public Works Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landfill and Recycling Commission 		ST
Action 13	Insure that Tiverton's GIS mapping system is maintained and upgraded so that it accurately reflects existing data and employs the most current software available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ST

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ELEMENT 8: CIRCULATION					
<i>Roadway Maintenance</i>					
Action 1	All roads should be built only in accordance with the standards of a public road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Public Works Consulting Engineer (for the Town) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board policy regarding release of surety is a key element the Town must improve upon to meet this action item 	ON
Action 2	Consider adoption of the Rights of Way Design Guidelines in the Commercial Form-Based Code as additional design standards for all roadway improvements, including RIDOT projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal must be fully vetted before presentation to Town Council for final action long-term planning elements must be fully documented 	ST
Action 3	Continue with an annual pavement management program as recently adopted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Public Works 			ON
Action 4	Utilize the Tiverton Police Department accident data statistics, monitor areas where accident frequency is high and increasing. Consider design changes or improvements to mitigate accidents and improve safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Public Works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Department 		ON
<i>Balanced Multi-Modal Transit Planning</i>					
Action 5	Develop a Complete Streets Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			MT
Action 6	Maintain and install sidewalks in high priority areas, defined as those areas within schools, on major roads, within commercial districts, and in other areas where pedestrian activity is to be encouraged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Public Works Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Officer Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining existing sidewalks is the responsibility of DPW Requirement of sidewalks in new development governed by Section 23-59 of the subdivision regulations; Planning Board should mandate 	LT

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				sidewalks as required by policy, without reference to cost	
Emphasize Design Elements in Circulation Planning					
Action 7	Apply access management tools to site plan review for commercial development and residential subdivision to reduce congestion and improve safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 		ST
Action 8	Continue to set high standards for design of parking facilities including landscaping, buffering, handicapped accessibility, pedestrian walkways and lighting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Officer Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement is a necessary component of this action plan 	ON
Action 9	Coordinate with the State and Economic Development to develop a design plan for infrastructure improvements needed to sustain the increase in traffic generated by the development of the Industrial Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Consulting engineer 			ST
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)					
Action 10	Work to secure funding for ongoing maintenance and safety projects on State roads through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board Town Administrator Town Planner Department of Public Works Tiverton Police Department Tiverton Fire Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final TIP list is approved by the Town Council based upon recommendations of all other noted parties; this is a routine process of local government 	ON
Action 11	Maintain and update local priorities for local pedestrian, bicycle and roadway improvements based on the adopted TIP. These priorities should be submitted for consideration in the State's biennial TIP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Department of Public Works 			ON

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ELEMENT 9: OPEN SPACE					
Action 1	Pursue the preservation of open space in accordance with the criteria described above, and in coordination with the Tiverton Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island, and the RI Department of Environmental Protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials with breaking information must keep Open Space in the loop 	ON
Action 2	The Open Space Commission shall work with community groups and the Recreation Committee to identify sources of funding, such as Community Development Block Grants, for acquiring open space in the more urbanized areas of Tiverton, to include the idea of establishing “pocket parks” on small parcels to provide neighborhood green spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Commission Town Planner 		ST
Action 3	Establish procedures in the subdivision review process to include a written report from the Open Space Commission regarding proposed open space areas of subdivision plans. Their report will include a review of the proposed open space area and its management plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Open Space Commission Conservation Commission 		ST
Action 4	Encourage and assist owners of farmland in acquiring funding to preserve land that would remain in agricultural use, to include acquisition of agricultural easements and promoting use of the Farm, Forest and Open Space Program that provides tax relief to land owners who wish to keep their open land undeveloped.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Tax Assessor 			ON

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Action 5	Develop a long-term strategy for the coordinated management of all preserved open space land in the town, to include the possibility of establishing a “conservation land manager” position whose budget could be jointly underwritten by all the owners of protected open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission 		MT
Action 6	In cooperation with Tiverton Land Trust, support the development of Highland Woods to enhance the value of Fort Barton as a destination historic site, and Fort Barton Woods as a visitor-friendly natural area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Town Council 		ON
Coastal Resources					
Action 7	The Harbor Commission should develop a plan to identify public rights-of-way to the waterfront and erect markers or signage that clearly marks the public right of way and prevents abutting property owners from closing access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Town Council 		ON
Action 8	Continue monitoring the health of Tiverton’s coastal and freshwater bodies by sustained funding of water sampling and analysis as part of the URI Watershed Watch, or similar program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Commission Harbor Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Town Council Budget Committee 		ON
Action 9	A task force should be appointed to begin the development of a strategic plan that prepares the Town for future rising sea levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Harbor Commission Zoning Official (CFM) 		ST
Action 10	Include in the planning for the Stone Bridge – Grinnell’s Beach Park complex the possibility of a public pier for free temporary boat dockage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Harbor Commission 		ST

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Recreation					
Action 11	The Town Planner will, in consultation with the Open Space Commission and Recreation Committee, prepare a plan of action and timeline for completing a revision of the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Commission Open Space Commission 		ST
Action 12	Develop additional capacity by acquiring and/or improving land and developing facilities to meet the active recreation needs of Tiverton residents, with priority given to constructing athletic fields and associated facilities on land donated by the Stone Bridge Fire District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Recreation Commission 		MT
Action 13	Pursue the planning, funding, and development of Independence Park (Stone Bridge – Grinnell’s Beach) complex to ensure high esthetic standards and maximum public benefit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator Town Planner Grinnell’s Beach Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grinnell’s Beach Committee includes representation from all boards and commissions with subject matter interest 	ST
Action 14	Publish a town-wide map showing recreational and open space resources, picnic areas, trails and waterfront rights of way and CRMC-designated rights of way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Commission Recreation Commission 		ST
ELEMENT 10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Action 1	Evaluate the existing and potential uses of land zoned for commercial and industrial uses, and consider options for adjusting the land areas and intensity of uses so that future commercial and industrial development can occur provided it is compatible with the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planner should issue report to Planning Board for public discussion and recommendation 	ST

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	character of the neighborhood.				
Action 2	Support and promote innovative retail and mixed-use commercial developments that reflect and/or compliment the unique character of that area and the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Commission 			ON
Action 3	Adopt and refine building and site design standards for new commercial and industrial development and redevelopment in Tiverton that encourages a distinctive visual appearance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of this (adoption) work already done; design standards in place under form-based code 	MT
Action 4	Require an appropriate data-based development impact assessments of commercial, industrial and mixed-use developments to determine the impact on the Town's tax revenue versus cost of services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 		ST
Action 5	Promote the development of the Business Park for suitable use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Economic Development Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator 		ON
Action 6	The Tiverton Economic Development Commission and Town Council should work proactively with Commerce RI and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce to aggressively pursue opportunities for new electricity generation in the Business Park and other suitable locations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Economic Development Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination with ISO New England and National Grid essential to success for this action item 	ON
Action 7	Support the Small Business Association in assisting in the revitalization of businesses along Main Road in north Tiverton, and in other areas of the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Commission needs to help form the Association or act in its place 	LT
Action 8	Evaluate the benefits from the Enterprise Zone designation. Continue to support efforts to reestablish the Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council support for EZ program would come in the form of resolution to 	ON

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	Zone as a tool for small business growth and development			General Assembly to support bringing small business back into program coverage	
Action 9	Evaluate Zoning Ordinance regulations addressing mixed-uses and modify where needed to allow for the diversification and strengthening of the commercial areas in Tiverton.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Economic Development Commission 		ON
Action 10	Promote expansion of agricultural activities in the town through the efforts of the Small Business Association and the Eastern RI Conservation District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner Conservation Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Commission 		ON
Action 11	Continue the use of tax alternatives/ incentives that encourage preservation of agricultural land for farming use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Assessor 			ON
Action 12	Partake in regional planning for agricultural activity and support together with East Bay townships, southeastern Massachusetts towns and State agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 			ON
Action 13	Promote local fishing and marine-related businesses by developing and rehabilitating appropriate support facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Public Works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Commission 		ON
Action 14	Adopt a long-term waterfront plan incorporating marine-related and service related uses, particularly focusing on the area from Nanaquaket to the State line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Commission 		ST
Action 15	Continue to support the arts and promote the development of the arts as another form of economic activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Commission 		ON

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Action 16	Enhance commercial prosperity by the Economic Development Commission through collaboration with the Town Planner and the Planning Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Commission 			ON