

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Implementation Overview

Lincoln conducted two public workshops and distributed a public survey to gather residents' input on important priorities for the Town in terms of different services and programs, opinions on types of development, and levels of support for updated policies as drawn from the previous Comprehensive Plan. Using this information, new goals, policies, and actions were created to address the concerns of residents. The 2024 Lincoln Comprehensive Plan Update outlines these goals and policies with specific actions for the Town to realize its vision for the future. The implementation matrix brings together the action items of each previous chapter into an overall plan of action.

13.2 Implementation Matrix

Implementation of the updated Lincoln Comprehensive Plan involves revising regulations and ordinances, drafting new regulations and ordinances, adopting new policies, and adjusting and adapting current practices to implement the goals, policies, and actions. Three types of initiatives are identified:



These stated goals, policies, and actions provide a roadmap for the Town to move the plan forward. Goals provide overarching desired outcomes, while policies guide municipal decision-making and actions provide measurable acts that achieve implementation. When all three initiatives work together the Town can make considerable strides towards achieving the stated goals.

The implementation matrix has several important functions. First, it states each chapter's goals and policies, followed by actions. For each action a timeframe and responsible parties to serve as action leads are identified. These considerations will vary based on circumstances at the time, so this information is provided as a general guide. The following key should be used when reviewing the matrix:

Scope. Each goal, policy, and action is recommended with a geographic scope in mind: TOWN WIDE or within a specific village.

Action Lead. Each action has at least one responsible party identified. In many cases, there are two or more responsible parties identified. Those listed in bold in the matrix are the lead responsible parties, with those listed beneath it identified as support parties. The lead responsible party should be those directly involved in conducting a study or implementing an action or policy. Those identified as support parties should be those who will play a role in the implementation or action but are not leading the charge, only providing support to those that do.

Conservation Commission
 Department of Buildings
 Department of Emergency Management
 Department of Engineering
 Department of Finance
 Department of Libraries
 Department of Public Works
 Department of Parks and Recreation
 Department of Planning
 Fire Departments
 Friends of Hearthside
 Housing Authority
 Library Board of Trustees

Lincoln Water Commission
 Parks and Recreation Commission
 Planning Board
 Police Department
 Rescue Department
 Senior Center
 School Department
 Tax Assessor
 Town Administrator
 Town Council
 Town Clerk
 Zoning Board of Review
 Zoning Department

Timeframe. Factors used to determine the timeframe for specific actions include priority level, cost/budget, staff time, and overall length of time for a particular action item to be initiated and completed. Timeframes are categorized as follows:

Short-term (S): 0 to 3 years

Medium-term (M): 4-7 years

Long-term (L): 8 to 10 years

Ongoing (O): Continuous

Several action items are identified with an initial time frame (S, M, or L) and are also designated as ongoing (O). This means that the initial action will take place in either a short, medium, or long-time frame and the action item will require ongoing maintenance or monitoring.

Priority. Priority level is ranked by high, medium, and low, to determine which actions the Town will target first.

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 2 NATURAL RESOURCES					
GOAL: NR 1	TOWN WIDE	Protect the critical natural resources of the town for cultural, recreational, economic, and public health benefits.			
POLICY: NR 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Protect the air, water, soil, forests, tree canopy, and wildlife of Lincoln.			
POLICY: NR 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Maintain at least 30% of the town as protected open space.			
POLICY: NR 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Develop and follow clear protection strategies in critical environmental areas.			
POLICY: NR 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Seek to protect agricultural uses to the maximum extent feasible.			
POLICY: NR 1.5	TOWN WIDE	Work with adjoining towns and the region to advance environmental resource protection strategies.			
NO.	ACTION	SCOPE	ACTION LEAD	TIMEFRAME S = Short Term M = Medium Term L = Long Term O = Ongoing	PRIORITY H = High M = Medium L = Low
1	Form a short-term task force to review all town environmental regulations and determine whether new or revised regulations should be adopted to strengthen town environmental protection efforts. Consider the adoption of a zoning overlay district and/or a tree preservation ordinance to protect critical environmental resources.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Planning Board Zoning Department	S	H
2	Define the town's environmental protection strategy for agricultural lands, stormwater management, and septic/on-site wastewater treatment.	TOWN WIDE	Conservation Commission Planning Board	S	H
3	Clarify the Wellhead Protection Overlay zoning process for development proposals. Develop clear zoning language that identifies the development plan review process for proposed development within the overlay zone.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	M
4	Complete digitizing of the Wellhead Protection Areas onto tax maps for reference to parcel data.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department	S	M
5	Adopt a public education program designed to raise awareness among homeowners of the impacts they have on surface and groundwater quality. Materials should be distributed to homeowners and other residents on issues such as disposal of household waste, lawn fertilizers, use of salting materials, and other issues relative to non-point source pollution.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Department of Public Works	M	L
6	Enhance the gateways to the village, that is the streetscapes, signage, and views that people see when they enter the village.	LONSDALE	Department of Public Works	S	L
7	Investigate ways to improve access to the river.	FAIRLAWN	Department of Planning	S	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 3 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION		
GOAL: OS 1	TOWN WIDE	Provide adequate active and passive recreational areas and facilities throughout the community that serve a wide range of populations and activity levels.
GOAL: OS 2	ALBION	Strengthen Albion's village center through strategic land use planning that emphasizes its mixed-use character, economic vitality, and community services, ensuring it remains a central hub for residents and visitors.
GOAL: OS 3	MANVILLE	Preserve and improve Manville Village's open space and recreational areas for community use.
GOAL: OS 4	LIME ROCK	Enhance the network of informal walking paths in Lime Rock.
GOAL: OS 5	QUINNVILLE	Enhance access to the Blackstone River Corridor, aiming to mitigate traffic impacts on Quinnville.
GOAL: OS 6	LONSDALE	Enhance public access to and protection of the Blackstone and Moshassuck Rivers, linking the area's historic and natural resources.
GOAL: OS 7	FAIRLAWN	Develop additional passive recreation spaces and improve connectivity among existing and anticipated recreational areas in Fairlawn.
GOAL: OS 8	SAYLESVILLE	Maintain and enhance the existing recreational lands to meet the community's needs as Saylesville grows.
POLICY: OS 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Support the Recreation Department's programming and facilities by continuing to adequately fund and staff the department.
POLICY: OS 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Continue to provide an active maintenance and rehabilitation program and schedule to maintain and upgrade existing facilities.
POLICY: OS 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Prioritize projects that build upon existing infrastructure and resources, ensuring that new recreational facilities are well-connected and meet the needs of the community.
POLICY: OS 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Increase the public's awareness of recreation opportunities, including using social media, the Town website, workshops, and other outreach efforts to inform residents of recreation programs and provide a means of public input.
POLICY: OS 1.5	TOWN WIDE	Work with adjoining towns and the region to advance environmental resource protection strategies.
POLICY: OS 2.1	ALBION	Prioritize the acquisition of open land to prevent overdevelopment and ensure the preservation of natural resources.
POLICY: OS 2.2	ALBION	Develop and implement a comprehensive management plan for the area, focusing on sustainability and public enjoyment.
POLICY: OS 2.3	ALBION	Enhance the connectivity and user experience of the Blackstone River Heritage Corridor through targeted improvements.
POLICY: OS 3.1	MANVILLE	Encourage the inclusion of outdoor common spaces and shared/public resources in existing and proposed developments (shared recreational facilities, walking trails, community gardens, exercise equipment, etc.) via recreational and/or conservation easements.
POLICY: OS 4.1	LIME ROCK	Expand and maintain access to the Blackstone River for all Lincoln residents.
POLICY: OS 4.2	LIME ROCK	Leverage Lime Rock's landscape for the creation of a system of informal walking paths.
POLICY: OS 4.3	LIME ROCK	Proactively pursue the acquisition of land, for open space or town service uses.
POLICY: OS 5.1	QUINNVILLE	Develop additional access points to the Blackstone River Corridor to distribute visitor flow more evenly along the corridor and reduce the number of vehicle trips while maintaining or increasing the overall number of visitors to the corridor.
POLICY: OS 6.1	LONSDALE	Collaborate with Corridor organizations to improve access to and conservation of the Blackstone and Moshassuck Rivers.

POLICY: OS 7.1	FAIRLAWN	Identify and develop new passive recreation areas.			
POLICY: OS 7.2	FAIRLAWN	Explore and establish connections to, from, between, and within existing and anticipated outdoor recreation facilities.			
POLICY: OS 8.1	SAYLESVILLE	Seize opportunities to enhance the recreational and open space system when they arise.			
POLICY: OS 8.2	SAYLESVILLE	Explore and establish connections between Lincoln Woods and Saylesville neighborhoods by enhancing active transportation facilities.			
NO.	ACTION	SCOPE	ACTION LEAD	TIMEFRAME S = Short Term M = Medium Term L = Long Term O = Ongoing	PRIORITY H = High M = Medium L = Low
1	Continually assess the Recreation Department's facilities, programs, and staff to ensure they are adequate for the needs of the community. Develop new programs and facilities, or expand upon existing ones, as needed.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation	O	H
2	Identify potential land parcels for acquisition to expand public access and conservation efforts.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation Conservation Commission	M	M
3	Upgrade existing trails and facilities to improve accessibility and user satisfaction.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation	M	L
4	Secure funding for trail design and construction phases.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation	S	M
5	Implement signage and wayfinding improvements to guide residents and visitors to access points.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation	S	L
6	Provide incentives to private landowners who dedicate tracts of land that would connect public roadways to the Blackstone River via easements (incentives may include: providing flexible zoning requirements, density bonuses, grants, site improvements, and/or technical assistance).	TOWN WIDE	Planning Board	O	M
7	Designate specific areas for visitor parking and access to minimize intrusion into residential spaces.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation	S	M
8	Identify residential areas most impacted by traffic and parking issues and minimize disruption to those areas by increasing the availability of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access to access points throughout the corridor.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning	M	H
9	Map existing and prospective recreational areas and identify links that would enhance accessibility to those areas.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation	S	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 4 HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES					
GOAL: HC 1	TOWN WIDE	Preserve, protect, and maintain the Town's historic, cultural, and archeological resources as a representation of the Town's heritage.			
POLICY: HC 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Promote and support state, local, non-profit, and other groups in their efforts to inform and educate the community on appropriate mechanisms to protect and manage historic and cultural resources in the Town through research, public education, and public events.			
POLICY: HC 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Ensure that the preservation and proper management of historic and cultural resources are considered as part of the land development review and approval process.			
POLICY: HC 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Promote the Town's rich historic heritage to attract visitors and other viable economic development opportunities that are appropriate for historic and cultural resources.			
POLICY: HC 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Preserve the visual qualities of Lincoln's historic areas and scenic roadways and vistas.			
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1	Continue to work with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission to document and preserve significant historical, cultural, or archeological resources in the Town.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning	O	H
2	Consider revising the existing zoning review and approval procedures for properties in the historic villages.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	M
3	Support efforts to maintain and document the Town's historic cemeteries and stone walls.	TOWN WIDE	Conservation Commission	L	L
4	Review the development review regulations to incorporate consideration of historic and cultural resources.	TOWN WIDE	Planning Board Conservation Commission	S	M
5	Develop an education program, working with Friends of Hearthside, to increase public awareness of the significance of historic and cultural resources.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Friends of Hearthside	O	M
6	Explore options for creating or securing local and state incentives to encourage the preservation of privately-owned historic buildings and resources.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Friends of Hearthside	O	H

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 5 HOUSING					
GOAL: HO 1	TOWN WIDE	Provide a diversity of safe and high-quality housing opportunities for current and future residents of Lincoln.			
GOAL: HO 2	TOWN WIDE	Ensure that future residential development is compatible with the character of Lincoln in general as well as that of individual neighborhoods and villages.			
GOAL: HO 3	TOWN WIDE	Provide affordable housing in a manner that does not conflict with the environmental constraints, community character, and general development patterns of the Town.			
POLICY: HO 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Collaborate with local non-profit housing advocacy groups to assist with financing of affordable housing and homebuyer education programs for residents.			
POLICY: HO 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Actively participate in state-level discussions regarding affordable housing and work with other communities and organizations to provide affordable housing in a manner that is appropriate on a community-by-community basis, recognizing individual strengths and weaknesses in an attempt to approach housing issues on a more holistic level, straddling political boundaries.			
POLICY: HO 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Encourage diverse housing types that promote owner occupancy.			
POLICY: HO 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Facilitate the creative reuse of the first floor of residential buildings for commercial uses.			
POLICY: HO 2.1	TOWN WIDE	Ensure residential projects developed within industrial and commercial zones are designed to mitigate potential conflicts with existing uses.			
POLICY: HO 3.1	TOWN WIDE	Ensure that the housing that is developed is sensitive to environmental constraints, aesthetic quality, and existing development patterns in Lincoln.			
POLICY: HO 3.2	TOWN WIDE	Support housing developments that conserve open space and maintain low density, particularly near significant natural resources.			
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1	Monitor changes in state law and update Town zoning as needed.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	O	M
2	Review and update, as deemed necessary, portions of the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations related to housing development including but not limited to conservation subdivisions to ensure that appropriate density and development standards are in place to meet the housing needs of the community.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H
3	Support infill and rehabilitation development, along with affordable housing, in higher density areas where public infrastructure and environmental conditions can support a density increase.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Housing Authority	M	H
4	Build community support for affordable housing by educating residents on who affordable housing is designed for and how it can be appropriately integrated into the existing community.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Housing Authority	S	H
5	Explore the implementation of a Rural Protection zoning district which would decrease maximum lot coverage for residential parcels and promote agricultural uses to maintain village character while preserving open space.	LIME ROCK	Department of Planning Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	M

6	Develop design guidelines for mixed-use developments that require adequate buffering, noise mitigation, and access control between residential areas and active commercial or industrial zones.	LONSDALE	Department of Planning	S	M
7	Establish a first-time homebuyer assistance program that offers down payment assistance, closing cost aid, and homeowner education courses specifically piloted in Manville.	MANVILLE	Department of Planning	M	H
8	Implement a vacant property registration fee to discourage absentee ownership and encourage the renovation and occupancy of long-standing vacant homes. This fee can be structured to increase over time, pushing owners to either occupy, sell, or improve their properties for owner occupancy.	TOWN WIDE	Town Council	M	H
9	Revise zoning and parking requirements to allow commercial use on residential properties' first floors.	VILLAGE CENTERS	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
GOAL: ED 1	TOWN WIDE	Encourage and support economic development that is in keeping with the Town's rural character while expanding and diversifying the Town's tax base.			
GOAL: ED 2	TOWN WIDE	Work towards creating a business environment that holds existing commercial and industrial development to a high standard while providing for a streamlined regulatory process to establish and expand appropriate economic opportunities in the community.			
POLICY: ED 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Support local tourism efforts that highlight the rural character and abundant natural resources of the Town through cultural events and agriculturally based tourism.			
POLICY: ED 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Coordinate with local educational institutions and other entities that provide career growth counseling, technical education and training opportunities, and management of apprenticeship/internship programs.			
POLICY: ED 2.1	TOWN WIDE	Promote and encourage agriculture as a way to preserve existing farms, supporting and introducing efforts to capitalize on agricultural tourism opportunities.			
POLICY: ED 2.2	TOWNWIDE	Support and encourage partnerships with local and existing businesses to enhance and promote the attractiveness of commercial districts for employers, workforce, and visitors.			
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1	Update the Town's Zoning Ordinance to reflect current land uses and encourage home-based businesses and suitable business development in appropriate locations, taking into consideration potential impacts on natural resources.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H

2	Update the Village Overlay District as needed requirements to promote appropriate development at a scale and quality that compliments the existing fabric of the villages.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H
3	Educate local landowners under the State's Farm, Forest, and Open Space program.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning	O	M
4	Work with the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce to support existing local businesses.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning	O	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 7 AGRICULTURE					
GOAL: AG 1	TOWN WIDE	Preserve and enhance agricultural lands.			
POLICY: AG 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Support the preservation of prime agricultural lands.			
POLICY: AG 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Promote sustainable agricultural practices.			
POLICY: AG 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Encourage the economic development of agricultural enterprises.			
POLICY: AG 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Support access to local agricultural products.			
POLICY: AG 1.5	TOWN WIDE	Promote agricultural education and awareness.			
POLICY: AG 1.6	TOWN WIDE	Enhance community involvement in agricultural activities.			
POLICY: AG 1.7	ALBION	Preserve existing agricultural lands.			
POLICY: AG 1.8	MANVILLE	Encourage the reuse of existing buildings for agricultural enterprises.			
POLICY: AG 1.9	SAYLESVILLE	Mitigate conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses.			
POLICY: AG 1.10	LONSDALE	Leverage the village's historical and natural resources for agricultural tourism.			
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1	Investigate a program for purchasing or transferring the development rights of prime agricultural lands.	TOWN WIDE	Conservation Commission Department of Planning	M	M
2	Work with local conservation organizations and land trusts to prioritize the acquisition of prime agricultural lands.	TOWN WIDE	Conservation Commission Department of Planning	O	L
3	Amend zoning ordinances to include an agricultural zoning district that can be applied to preserved agricultural lands.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	M
4	Revise zoning ordinances to allow processing and retail activities on farms, such as farm stands, processing facilities, and agritourism.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H
5	Research municipal programs to connect local farmers with restaurants, schools, and other institutions to increase the market for local produce.	TOWN WIDE	Conservation Commission Department of Planning	M	H

6	Review and revise local purchasing requirements to require the purchase of local foods when possible.	TOWN WIDE	Town Council	S	L
7	Support and expand farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs.	TOWN WIDE	Town Council	M	M
8	Partner with local schools and organizations to develop educational programs about agriculture and sustainable practices.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning	O	M
9	Work with local land trusts to protect farmland through conservation easements and other preservation tools.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Planning Planning Board	O	H
10	Improve access to agricultural sites through the development of trails and signage.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Parks and Recreation Department of Planning	O	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 8 SERVICES AND FACILITIES					
GOAL: SF 1	TOWN WIDE	Provide orderly and efficient public services and opportunities for all residents that support existing and future needs.			
POLICY: SF 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Support the School Department and School Committee in their efforts to provide students access to a high-quality educational environment and experience.			
POLICY: SF 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Provide the necessary infrastructure and tools to maintain and enhance a strong educational program.			
POLICY: SF 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Ensure that public safety services and facilities are well maintained and adequately staffed throughout the Town.			
POLICY: SF 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Provide Town departments with adequate staff and resources to provide a high level of service to the community.			
POLICY: SF 1.5	TOWN WIDE	Promote recycling in municipal buildings and by all residents by providing up-to-date information in Town Hall and on the Town's website to reach State-mandated recycling and diversion rates.			
POLICY: SF 1.6	TOWN WIDE	Protect the integrity of existing water supply connections through compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and promotion of the efficient use of water.			
POLICY: SF 1.7	TOWN WIDE	Pursue grant funding to support Town activities.			
NO.	ACTION	SCOPE	ACTION LEAD	TIMEFRAME S = Short Term M = Medium Term L = Long Term O = Ongoing	PRIORITY H = High M = Medium L = Low
1	Continue to modernize and upgrade Town schools and school-related facilities to meet or exceed State educational standards.	TOWN WIDE	School Department	O	M
2	Modernize and expand municipal facilities deemed necessary. Consider conducting a study of existing library buildings and services to determine if upgrades are needed.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Buildings	M	H
3	Explore the potential benefits of merging the Town's fire departments.	TOWN WIDE	Fire Departments	S	L

4	Investigate additional possibilities for reducing municipal costs through regional cooperative efforts to pool services.	TOWN WIDE	Town Administrator	S	L
5	Continue to support public safety efforts and officials with adequate staffing, equipment, and infrastructure as community needs change.	TOWN WIDE	Town Administrator Department of Public Works Department of Buildings	O	L
6	Continue to fulfill the requirements of the <i>Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water Discharge from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s</i> .	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works	O	M
7	Continue to prepare and implement a capital budget for equipment and maintenance expenses.	TOWN WIDE	Town Administrator Town Clerk	O	H
8	Educate the public about recycling by providing information on the Town's website and in Town Hall, and work with the School District to provide education on recycling to children to increase the Town's recycling rates.	TOWN WIDE	Town Administrator	S	L
9	Continue to support services and programs at the Senior Center and evaluate future needs as programs and services evolve and population dynamics change.	TOWN WIDE	Senior Center Town Administrator	O	M
10	Promote the efficient use of the Town's water supply through efficient operation of the system in accordance with industry and state standards, efficient use of water by the customers through effective metering and public information programs, provision of service to all locations within the service area, and compliance with the overall goals for water suppliers established in the State Guide Plan, Element No 721.	TOWN WIDE	Lincoln Water Commission	O	H

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 9 ENERGY		
GOAL: EG 1	TOWN WIDE	Achieve energy efficiency and conservation.
GOAL: EG 2	LONSDALE AND INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Develop the Industrial Corridor as a model of energy efficiency and sustainability.
POLICY: EG 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Promote energy efficiency and conservation measures in municipal operations.
POLICY: EG 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Support residential and commercial energy efficiency initiatives.
POLICY: EG 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Encourage the development of renewable energy facilities.
POLICY: EG 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Facilitate private sector renewable energy projects while protecting the Town's natural resources.
POLICY: EG 1.5	TOWN WIDE	Implement energy efficiency upgrades that preserve the historical integrity of buildings.
POLICY: EG 1.6	TOWN WIDE	Encourage the use of renewable energy sources in new developments.

POLICY: EG 2.1		LONSDALE AND INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Promote the installation of large-scale renewable energy projects in the Industrial Corridor.		
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1	Conduct a baseline assessment of energy use in all municipal buildings, equipment, and vehicles.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works	S	H
2	Replace end-of-life municipal vehicles with high fuel efficiency and/or electric vehicles.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works Budget Board	M	M
3	Implement energy-saving measures such as LED lighting, smart thermostats, and building insulation improvements in municipal buildings.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Buildings	M	M
4	Establish a program to use savings from energy efficiency measures to fund further energy-saving projects.	TOWN WIDE	Town Administrator	M	M
5	Provide information and resources on state and federal energy efficiency programs to residents and businesses.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works	S	L
6	Identify and assess municipally-owned properties suitable for renewable energy projects.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Buildings	S	M
7	Collaborate with the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources to identify funding for municipal renewable energy projects.	TOWN WIDE	Town Administrator	S	M
8	Establish zoning policies and siting standards for renewable energy production facilities.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	M	M
9	Promote the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to assist property owners in financing renewable energy projects.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Buildings	O	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 10 TRANSPORTATION		
GOAL: TP 1	TOWN WIDE	Maintain and enhance a cost-effective, efficient, safe, and accessible multi-modal transportation system that is sensitive to and respectful of the Town's rural character.
GOAL: TP 2	TOWN WIDE	Support efforts to enhance and increase alternative modes of transportation such as ridesharing, bicycling, and public transportation with an eye towards reductions in greenhouse gases and air pollution.
POLICY: TP 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Implement road design and maintenance standards and procedures that protect, promote, and encourage existing development patterns and neighborhood character.
POLICY: TP 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Maintain a formal program for road maintenance, new road construction, and accompanying drainage infrastructure that is economically responsible and implementable.

POLICY: TP 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Promote cooperative state/local efforts in transportation planning, ensuring that the Town's rural qualities are maintained throughout any transportation planning and construction projects.			
POLICY: TP 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Implement traffic calming measures on key residential streets.			
POLICY: TP 1.5	INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Improve access and infrastructure within the Industrial Corridor to support business operations and growth.			
POLICY: TP 1.6	TOWN WIDE	Integrate rural road design standards and practices to manage vehicle speed, preserve scenic views, and promote multimodal travel.			
POLICY: TP 1.7	LONSDALE	Facilitate sustainable transportation options within the industrial and commercial zones to reduce conflicts and integrate smoothly with the village's residential character.			
POLICY: TP 1.8	LONSDALE	Collaborate on regional transportation projects that contribute to Lonsdale's role within the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, enhancing its appeal to both residents and visitors.			
POLICY: TP 1.9	SAYLESVILLE	Upgrade and pave road infrastructure within Saylesville's industrial area to support business operations and future growth.			
POLICY: TP 1.10	FAIRLAWN	Enhance circulation patterns to accommodate tourism to Kelly House, the canal, and bikeway, without compromising the residential quality of life.			
POLICY: TP 1.11	FAIRLAWN	Protect and enhance the natural and historical character of Quinnville, particularly along Lower River Road, in the face of potential tourism development pressures.			
POLICY: TP 2.1	TOWN WIDE	Encourage alternative modes of transportation and increase opportunities in Town for access to biking, walking, and carpooling.			
POLICY: TP 2.2	TOWN WIDE	Through traffic should be limited in residential neighborhoods.			
POLICY: TP 2.3	TOWN WIDE	Enhance pedestrian crossings and safety measures along Smithfield Avenue.			
POLICY: TP 2.4	INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Enhance public transit options for employees working within the Industrial Corridor to reduce traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and parking demand.			
POLICY: TP 2.5	LONSDALE	Strengthen pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to improve access to Lonsdale's key natural and historic resources, including the Blackstone River and Chase Farm.			
POLICY: TP 2.6	TOWN WIDE	Prioritize pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure enhancements in line with mixed-use development goals.			
POLICY: TP 2.7	MANVILLE	Support the integration of Manville into the regional bicycle and pedestrian network, enhancing recreational and tourism opportunities.			
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1	Participate in the State's Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to ensure that state roads in Town are adequately maintained and improved, including maintaining a local priority list for inclusion on the TIP.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works	O	M
2	Maintain and strengthen the relationship with the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to continually assess and update the level of bus service in Town.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works	O	H

3	Consider ways to improve bike and pedestrian access throughout the community and pursue opportunities to connect to existing bicycle paths and access ways into the Blackstone Valley Bikeway.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Public Works	O	M
4	Identify key routes for new or expanded sidewalks, separated bicycle facilities, and shared-use paths to enhance inter-village connectivity and improve safety for all road users.	ALBION	Department of Planning	M	H
5	Install bike racks, pedestrian scale lighting, wayfinding signage, street trees (or other shade structures), and seating areas along roads with sidewalks, bicycle facilities or shared use paths to encourage usage.	ALBION	Department of Planning	S	H
6	Upgrade crosswalks with high-visibility markings and signage.	FAIRLAWN	Department of Planning	S	M
7	Evaluate the need for new or improved pedestrian-activated crossing signals at busy intersections.	FAIRLAWN	Department of Public Works	S	H
8	Adjust requirements for new land development applications to increase the responsibility of applicants to fund upgrades to road infrastructure and intersections in the Industrial Corridor.	INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Department of Planning	S	H
9	Encourage businesses to participate in employee transit programs, such as subsidized transit passes or shuttle services from major transit hubs.	INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Department of Planning	O	L
10	Initiate a pilot project in LIME ROCK to evaluate the effectiveness and community impact of innovative rural road design features recommended by the FHWA guide, with the potential for broader application throughout Lincoln based on success and lessons learned.	LIME ROCK	Department of Public Works	M	H
11	Collaborate with state and local agencies to enhance riverfront access and connectivity between significant landmarks.	LONSDALE	Department of Public Works Department of Planning	M	H
12	Install wayfinding signage, bike racks, and rest areas on streets that connect to the Blackstone River Bikeway.	MANVILLE	Department of Planning	M	M
13	Develop local guides and maps that highlight Manville's walking and biking routes, connecting historical sites, natural resources, and commercial areas to encourage exploration and appreciation of the village's unique character.	MANVILLE	Department of Public Works Department of Planning	S	H
14	Conduct a comprehensive infrastructure assessment to identify priority areas for road upgrades and paving within the Saylesville industrial area, focusing on routes critical to business operations and growth potential.	SAYLESVILLE	Department of Planning	S	L
15	Obtain funding for a sidewalks master plan.	SAYLESVILLE	Department of Public Works	L	L
16	Establish clear, direct access routes from major thoroughfares like Route 116 to key tourist destinations to minimize navigation through residential streets.	QUINNVILLE	Department of Planning	S	H
17	Study potential improvements for bike access to the bike path.	QUINNVILLE	Department of Planning	S	L

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 11 NATURAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE					
GOAL: NHC 1	TOWN WIDE	Improve community resilience to natural hazards and climate change.			
POLICY: NHC 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Integrate climate change adaptation and hazard mitigation into all municipal planning efforts.			
POLICY: NHC 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Enhance public awareness and preparedness for natural hazards and climate change impacts.			
POLICY: NHC 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Encourage development patterns that minimize exposure to natural hazards.			
POLICY: NHC 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Ensure that emergency services are well-prepared for climate-related events.			
POLICY: NHC 1.5	TOWN WIDE	Implement flood mitigation strategies to protect vulnerable areas.			
POLICY: NHC 1.6	TOWN WIDE	Protect and reinforce essential services and facilities against natural hazards.			
POLICY: NHC 1.7	TOWN WIDE	Develop strategies to mitigate heat island effects and provide cooling solutions.			
POLICY: NHC 1.8	TOWN WIDE	Support businesses in adapting to climate change and natural hazards.			
NO.	ACTION	SCOPE	ACTION LEAD	TIMEFRAME S = Short Term M = Medium Term L = Long Term O = Ongoing	PRIORITY H = High M = Medium L = Low
1	Update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan regularly to incorporate the latest climate data and projections.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Emergency Management Department of Planning	M	H
2	Implement a community-wide education campaign on climate change and emergency preparedness.	TOWN WIDE	Department of Emergency Management	M	H
3	Consider the implementation of green infrastructure, such as rain gardens and permeable pavements, to manage stormwater runoff.	MANVILLE AND ALBION	Department of Public Works	M	M
4	Regularly maintain and upgrade drainage systems to prevent blockages and overflows.	MANVILLE AND ALBION	Department of Public Works	O	M
5	Increase urban tree canopy coverage and create shaded areas in public spaces.	SAYLESVILLE AND FAIRLAWN	Department of Planning Department of Public Works	L	H
6	Implement a cooling center program to provide relief during heatwaves.	SAYLESVILLE AND FAIRLAWN	Department of Emergency Management	S	H
7	Develop a business continuity planning program to help local businesses prepare for and recover from disasters.	LONSDALE AND INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	Department of Emergency Management	S	M

GOALS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS: CHAPTER 12 LAND USE		
GOAL: LU 1	TOWN WIDE	Achieve a balanced, orderly, and harmonious land use pattern that preserves current residential densities, historic and cultural resources, supports appropriate economic growth, provides ample recreation and open space, protects the natural environment, and supports a high quality of life for the residents.
GOAL: LU 2	ALBION	Strengthen Albion's village center through strategic land use planning emphasizing its mixed-use character, economic vitality, and community services, ensuring it remains a central hub for residents and visitors.
GOAL: LU 3	FAIRLAWN	Support the evolution of Fairlawn into a mixed-use village that enhances its unique identity, with a mix of housing types and a vibrant commercial area along Smithfield Avenue.
GOAL: LU 4	SAYLESVILLE	Ensure that Saylesville's residential areas are protected and remain stable, while industrial properties are developed into strong centers for jobs and tax base, in an environmentally responsible manner.
GOAL: LU 5	MANVILLE	Foster Manville's resurgence as a vibrant mixed-use community, leveraging its unique historical assets and residential charm, while ensuring developments enhance rather than detract from its character.
GOAL: LU 6	LONSDALE	Safeguard the natural and cultural assets of Lonsdale, ensuring balanced development that respects its unique mix of historic sites, natural resources, and industrial heritage.
GOAL: LU 7	QUINNVILLE	Maintain Quinnville's identity as a tranquil, residential village, safeguarding its historic qualities and managing growth to ensure it remains distinct and separated from commercial pressures, particularly from tourism development along Lower River Road.
GOAL: LU 8	LIME ROCK	Maintain Lime Rock's identity as a rural, primarily residential area with a strong agricultural presence, ensuring that development respects the village's scenic landscapes, agricultural lands, and tree-lined country roads.
GOAL: LU 9	SAYLESVILLE AND FAIRLAWN	Perform a land use and zoning analysis of the Smithfield Avenue area from Parker Street to the Pawtucket line to determine whether existing zoning is adequate to protect the residential character of the area and to manage likely traffic and land use problems.
POLICY: LU 1.1	TOWN WIDE	Protect Lincoln through flexible zoning and land use controls.
POLICY: LU 1.2	TOWN WIDE	Support smart growth principles by encouraging infill and new commercial development along existing commercial corridors and within villages utilizing site plan review procedures as a regulatory device.
POLICY: LU 1.3	TOWN WIDE	Continue the enforcement of design standards and setbacks for environmentally and culturally sensitive areas.
POLICY: LU 1.4	TOWN WIDE	Preserve and protect forests, farmlands, agricultural lands, and the overall rural character of Lincoln as essential elements of the community, economic vitality, and quality of life.
POLICY: LU 2.1	ALBION	Encourage small business development within the village center to enhance economic vitality and serve the community's needs.
POLICY LU 2.2	ALBION	Preserve the character of Albion, with a particular focus on maintaining the recreational and open space qualities of the golf course area.
POLICY LU 3.1	FAIRLAWN	Preserve the residential character of Fairlawn by maintaining current zoning boundaries to ensure consistency in land uses and discourage incompatible developments.
POLICY LU 3.2	FAIRLAWN	Enhance the commercial vitality of Smithfield Avenue while protecting the residential character of surrounding areas.
POLICY LU 3.3	FAIRLAWN	Encourage stability and manage growth by carefully monitoring the development of any remaining open land.

POLICY LU 3.4	FAIRLAWN	Develop additional passive recreation spaces to enhance community well-being.			
POLICY LU 4.1	SAYLESVILLE	Strengthen zoning regulations to ensure that the growth of industrial properties is compatible with residential neighborhoods and the natural resources of the village.			
POLICY LU 4.2	SAYLESVILLE	Promote the adaptive reuse of industrial buildings in a way that supports Saylesville's economic development while being mindful of its residential and natural environment.			
POLICY LU 5.1	MANVILLE	Support the adaptive reuse of historical structures for mixed-use developments, combining residential with ground-floor commercial uses.			
POLICY LU 5.2	MANVILLE	Encourage owner-occupied housing to prevent deterioration from absentee ownership and maintain the village's residential quality.			
POLICY LU 5.3	MANVILLE	Manage the development of remaining open lands to ensure compatibility with the existing village character and environmental sustainability.			
POLICY LU 6.1	LONSDALE	Preserve the character of historic residential areas while providing zoning flexibility for adaptive reuse of mill buildings.			
POLICY LU 6.2	LONSDALE	Improve access to and protection of natural resources, emphasizing the Blackstone River and surrounding marshes.			
POLICY LU 6.3	LONSDALE	Encourage economic development that complements the village's industrial legacy and supports local needs.			
POLICY LU 7.1	QUINNVILLE	Prohibit commercial and industrial development within Quinnville to preserve its residential character and quiet village ambiance.			
POLICY LU 7.2	QUINNVILLE	Protect and enhance Quinnville's historical structures and landscapes to maintain its historical integrity and village charm.			
POLICY LU 8.1	LIME ROCK	Encourage preservation and enhancement of agricultural lands and practices.			
POLICY LU 8.2	LIME ROCK	Protect the scenic and historic character of Lime Rock's roads and landscapes.			
POLICY LU 8.3	LIME ROCK	Direct residential development in a way that conserves open space and minimizes environmental impacts.			
POLICY LU 8.4	LIME ROCK	Limit commercial and industrial development to designated areas, ensuring it does not encroach upon residential neighborhoods or compromise Lime Rock's rural ambiance.			
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1	Review and modify the existing flexible zoning regulations to improve the application process and clarify the applicability requirements.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H
2	Update all Subdivision and Land Development Regulations and associated checklists and the zoning ordinance to reflect updated development practices and concepts, as well as make them statutorily consistent with changes to state-enabling legislation.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H
3	Consider the adoption of Conservation Development as a smart growth tool to provide for more thoughtful and environmentally sensitive development.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Town Council Zoning Board of Review	M	L
4	Implement zoning amendments to require Special Use Permits or Use Variances in order to develop three or four-family units on very small pre-existing lots.	TOWN WIDE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	H
5	Conduct a land use and zoning analysis of Smithfield Avenue from Parker Street to the Pawtucket line to evaluate and adjust zoning as	FAIRLAWN	Department of Planning Zoning Department	M	M

	necessary to support healthy neighborhood commercial activity without compromising residential quality of life.				
6	Foster improvements within the industrial park to facilitate business operations and employee access, prioritizing developments that incorporate green infrastructure and sustainable practices.	SAYLESVILLE	Department of Planning	O	M
7	Conduct a land use analysis along Smithfield Avenue. Current zoning requirements in Saylesville should be augmented with a site plan review provision to manage single-lot commercial and industrial development.	SAYLESVILLE	Department of Planning	S	H
8	Modify zoning regulations to provide flexibility for mixed-use redevelopment of historical buildings, prioritizing those that contribute to Manville's unique character.	MANVILLE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review Historic Commission	S	L
9	Develop a program to identify absentee-owned properties and encourage their conversion to owner-occupied units through targeted rehabilitation funds.	MANVILLE	Department of Planning	M	M
10	Conduct a comprehensive land use planning study for undeveloped areas to guide future development in a manner that respects Manville's historic character and natural landscape.	MANVILLE	Department of Planning	M	H
11	Implement stronger site planning provisions to protect the Blackstone River and marshes from non-point source pollution, coordinating with environmental agencies and community groups.	LONSDALE	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review Conservation Commission	M	H
12	Implement a local historic district designation or similar protections for key historic structures and sites, providing guidelines for preservation and appropriate development.	QUINNVILLE	Historic Commission Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	O	M
13	Enhance regulations to protect water quality in the Moshassuck River from runoff and development impacts, employing best management practices for stormwater.	LIME ROCK	Lincoln Water Commission	S	H
14	Review and possibly adjust zoning along Route 116 to support light industrial or office development that provides buffer zones and visual screening from residential areas.	LIME ROCK	Zoning Department Zoning Board of Review	S	M
15	Establish performance standards for any new commercial or industrial development to minimize impacts on adjacent residential areas and the natural environment.	LIME ROCK	Department of Buildings	S	M

