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Action Plan

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The Action Plan is an implementation schedule of the action items presented in *The Roadmap*. In some cases, the action has been abbreviated. The full text and meaning behind each action is outlined in *The Roadmap*. The schedule identifies the anticipated timeframe for completing each action: **ST - short term** (within 3 years), **MT - mid term** (3 to 10 years), **LT - long term** (more than 10 years), and **OG - on-going**. It also includes **responsible municipal parties**, which are listed at the bottom of each page.

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LAND USE		
Goal LU1: Make local land use decisions in an open and transparent environment, based on sound planning principles and with the most accurate and available data.		
Policy LU1.1: Ensure that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the Town's vision of its future and use it to guide land use decisions and the development of local regulations and policies.		
a. Make all land use decisions in accordance with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM).	OG	PB, TC, CD
b. Amend Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to be consistent with the FLUM and intent of the comprehensive plan.	ST	PB, TC, CD
c. Review and update regulations in light of new legal developments.	OG	CD, PB, TC
d. Continue to review and update the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with state planning initiatives.	OG	CD, PB, TC
Policy LU1.2: Support local boards and commissions in their ability to make sound land use decisions that are consistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.		
a. a. Continue to train boards and commissions.	OG	CD, ENG, TM
b. b. Improve computer access to regulations and land use data through the Internet and GIS.	OG	CD, ENG, TA, TM
Policy LU1.3: Support regional and statewide planning efforts as a way to increase local capacity to achieve the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.		
a. Continue to cooperate with other towns in the South County region in protecting the positive image and amenities of the area.	OG	CD, TC
b. Work with the various state agencies in their planning efforts around the region, as well as those statewide that may have local impacts.	OG	CD
c. Monitor new state rules and regulations as they related to Narragansett. Examples include CRMC Beach, Salt Ponds and Narrow River Special Area Management Plans (SAMPs).	OG	CD, ENG

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d. Coordinate with South Kingstown and North Kingstown on development planning and land use decisions for properties at the town borders.	OG	CD, PB
Goal LU2: Promote sustainable growth that builds on Narragansett's distinct character as a unique seaside community, is within the natural capacity of the land, and provides a healthy quality of life.		
Policy LU2.1: Promote the Pier Area as the town center.		
a. Undertake a more detailed study of issues and opportunities in the Pier Area and consider implementing special district plan for the area.	MT	CD, PB
b. Work with property owners to develop a cooperative relationship and shared vision of the Pier area.	OG	CD, PB
c. Review and update zoning to promote development of the Pier Area that supports the atmosphere as an historic seaside area.	MT	CD, PB, TC
Policy LU2.2: Promote residential development that strengthens neighborhoods, respects natural resources, preserves open space, avoids sprawl and reinforces community character. (See Goals H1 and H2 as well as Policy ROS1.1)		
a. Where there is a desire, work with residents to establish a future vision for their neighborhood and develop regulatory standards to meet that vision.	ST~~MT~~	CD
b. Use building floor to area ratio (FAR) as a way to determine its effectiveness in maintaining the building scale in a neighborhood.	ST	CD, PB
Policy LU2.3: Guide development to protect and enhance the Town's natural resources.		
a. Review and update existing Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to ensure adequate protection of water quality and wildlife habitats.	OG	CD, PB, ENG
b. Investigate strategies to obtain or transfer development rights from pre-existing, undersized lots in order to protect natural resources in designated Greenbelt areas.	LT	CD, PB
c. Consider sewer extensions to areas with a large number of pre-existing undersized lots to protect water quality.	LT	CD, ENG
d. Continue to restrict development in Areas of Critical Concern identified in CRMC's Salt Pond and Narrow River SAMPs to low density residential use or acquire land as open space. Consider economic incentives for owners not to development in these areas.	OG	CD, PB
e. Revisit and update the regulatory triggers for requiring environmental impact assessments on large projects.	MT	CD, PB, TC
f. Incorporate natural resource protection and enhancement in implementing the Hazard Mitigation Plan.	MT	HM
g. Incorporate low impact development techniques into the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.	MT	CD, PB

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h. Review the Town's Zoning Ordinance (Section 7.7) Supplemental Drainage Requirements and other ordinances that require stormwater management and, where appropriate, incorporate by reference the *Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual* (2010).	ST	CD, PB, TC, ENG
Policy LU2.4: Build on the Greenbelt network that protects dedicated open space and enhances local development.		
a. Use a greenbelt network plan to meet stated objectives.	OG	CD, PB
b. Establish priorities for acquisition of open space that creates the greenbelt network.	ST	CD, CC, LCT, TC
c. Develop strategies to implement a greenbelt network.	MT	CD, PB
d. Review and update open space requirements for subdivision and land developments.	MT	CD, PB
Policy LU2.5: Ensure that growth can be accommodated by existing or planned infrastructure and community services. (See Goals CSF 7, 8, and 10)		
a. Continue to extend sewers in accordance with the Wastewater Management Plan to developed residential neighborhoods where they are needed to address or prevent public health issues.	LT	CD, ENG, TC
b. Prohibit sewer line extension into undeveloped areas that are unbuildable without sewers, or carefully weigh the impacts of sewer extensions upon the environment, growth and related items.	OG	CD, ENG, TC
c. Continue to extend sewers to commercial areas where appropriate in order to facilitate the optimal development of commercially-zoned property.	LT	CD, ENG, TC, PB
d. Consider the acquisition of land near or adjacent to existing community facilities if it would facilitate future expansion of those facilities.	OG	CD, LCT, ENG, TC
e. Continue to implement the Community Septic System Loan Program in areas where sewers will not be extended.	OG	CD, ENG
f. Revise the zoning ordinance to ensure that stormwater runoff and drainage issues are adequately addressed to implement water quality requirements of the Town's NPDES Phase II permit and the Rhode Island Stormwater Manual, as revised.	ST	CD, PB, ENG
g. Establish policies for very high water users to ensure that usage is within the capacity of existing and future water availability.	ST~~MT~~	ENG
Policy LU2.6: Promote energy efficient design and "green" practices, such as guidance from the US Green Building Council for LEED, for commercial and residential development and redevelopment projects.		
a. Update Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to promote construction cost savings, home energy conservation, reduced residential water consumption, and improved indoor air quality, among other driving principles of LEED.	ST~~LT~~	CD, PB, TC

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b. Identify opportunities and ways to encourage "green" building design into new construction.	ST	CD, ENG, PB
Policy LU2.7: Guide business development to ensure that it maintains community character in existing commercial and industrial areas.		
a. Review zoning to clarify the function of each business zoning district. Consider adding new zoning categories to better regulate transitional areas between residential and heavy commercial or industrial areas.	ST	CD, PB, TC
b. Resist establishing new business zones in high traffic areas that will not meet local needs or will detract from community character or way of life.	OG	CD, PB
c. Review commercial site plan requirements to maintain appropriate design standards that avoid "strip" development.	OG	CD, PB
d. Consider and implement tools, as appropriate, to manage fiscal impacts of growth (impact fees, growth rate permitting and the promotion of economic development).	MT	CD, PB, TC
Policy LU2.8: Maintain and enhance community character by pursuing development of secondary activity areas outside of the Pier.		
a. Develop design guidelines for new development, redevelopment and infill projects.	LT	CD, PB
b. Evaluate the implementation of a design review process for development or substantial renovation of major buildings (commercial, industrial, civic and multifamily residential).	LT	CD, PB
c. Investigate zoning for successful architectural design and variety. Consider incentives that could be offered.	MT	CD, HC
d. Target highly visible and heavily traveled areas for improvements in design to improve overall appearance and traffic patterns.	MT	CD, ENG, PW
e. Evaluate challenges and opportunities in Special Planning Districts and develop strategies to enhance the quality of life and business success in these areas. They include: Boston Neck Road at South Ferry Road, Boston Neck Road at Bonnet Shores Road, Boon Street, and Dillon Rotary/Caswell's Corner.	LT	CD, PB, TC
f. Establish requirements for different levels of review for either new development or redevelopment projects.	ST	CD, PB, TC
g. Evaluate zoning strategies that that can help maintain neighborhood character town-wide.	MT	CD, PB, TC
~~g. Identify areas for a renewed Village Zoning Ordinance that promotes mixed use. (See Policy H2.2 b.)~~	~~ST~~	~~CD, PB, TC~~

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal ED1 Support a diverse economy that meets the needs of residents and visitors.		
Policy ED1.1 Pursue strategies to maintain a strong tourist economy that is beneficial to the Town.		
a. Identify ways to connect visitors to local businesses.	MT	CD, EDC
b. Develop ways to capture incoming and departing customers through site design.	MT	CD, PB
c. Partner with such groups as local realtors, property managers and the local chamber of commerce to develop strategies that bring awareness of local commerce and services for weekly renters.	ST	EDC
d. Partner with local businesses and associations to develop mechanisms that can increase overnight stays.	MT	EDC
e. Work with local hotels, restaurants and religious institutions to market Narragansett as a wedding destination.	ST	EDC
Policy ED1.2 Explore opportunities to expand "shoulder season" commerce opportunities.		
a. Increase programming in open space and recreational areas around the Pier. Ensure that parking is adequately managed for events.	MT	PR, HC, CD, EDC
b. Find ways to incorporate farmers markets and fish markets in locations where locals frequent.	MT	EDC
c. Work with the Historic Commission to develop and enhance historic tours in the shoulder seasons.	ST	EDC, HC
d. Partner with local theater and arts organizations to schedule arts and culture events during the shoulder seasons.	ST	HC, PR, EDC, LB
Policy ED1.3 Support year-round businesses that serve our residents.		
a. Connect neighborhoods to commercial areas through improvements like walkways and signage.	MT	CD, PW
b. Explore tax and/or loan incentives for year-round businesses for beautification, small business capacity building, expansion, or necessary repairs.	LT	CD, EDC, TC, TA
c. Actively solicit new or expanded professional office, medical, and other high paying businesses in Town. Actively seek out, solicit, and facilitate the location of service, technology, and light industrial enterprises in Narragansett that offer highly paid employment opportunities.	MT	CD, EDC
d. Integrate future library expansion with surrounding local businesses.	ST	LB, EDC
Policy ED1.4 Provide a fair, predictable, and timely local regulatory process that encourages investment in Narragansett.		
a. Establish an economic development coordinator as the business community liaison and first point of contact with the town in the regulatory process.	ST	CD, EDC
b. Develop and package guidelines and checklists on local review process for businesses and developers.	ST	CD, EDC
Policy ED1.5 Policy 1.4 Maintain a housing stock suitable for all people. (See all goals, policies and actions of Housing and Neighborhoods.)		

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Policy ED1.6 Pursue other business sectors that can diversify the local economy.		
a. Develop an approach to reach out to and attract new types of businesses that complement and support the existing business community and changing technology.	MT	CD, EDC
Goal ED2 Develop and maintain infrastructure conducive to local economic development.		
Policy ED2.1 Maintain important databases and indicators for commerce in the community.		
a. Complete an inventory of existing business and industry and develop a strategy to ensure that the inventory is maintained.	MT	CD, EDC, TA
b. Assess trends of commercial and industrial tax base over time in Narragansett.	LT	CD, EDC, TA
c. Track revenues seasonally to understand dynamics in the local economy.	LT	CD, EDC, TA
d. Estimate the impacts of different transient populations (e.g., week-long renters, students).	LT	CD, EDC
Policy ED2.2 Develop circulation systems that optimize access to local commerce.		
a. Evaluate existing signage and lighting around commercial areas and tourist attractions. Identify ways in which signage and lighting can improve visibility of local businesses.	ST	CD, PW
b. Study the feasibility of reconfiguring Ocean Road to include bike and pedestrian access.	LT	CD, PW
c. Increase bicycle signage, lanes and shared-lane markings for bikes in the Town's commercial areas.	MT	CD, PW
d. Consider access management strategies that minimize curb cuts and maximize gateways.	ST	CD, PB
e. Evaluate ways to improve the pedestrian experience in the Pier Area to encourage pedestrian access to the business centers.	OG	CD, PW
Policy ED2.3 Manage parking throughout the community to maximize access and aesthetic appeal.		
a. Develop detailed parking lot design standards.	ST	CD, PB
b. Consider maximum parking standards to complement existing parking requirements.	MT	CD, PB
c. Explore the use of a parking improvement district or dedicated circulation fund.	LT	CD, PB, TC
d. Develop wayfinding signage system for parking areas.	ST	CD, PW
e. Consider the use of beach parking areas after hours to support local business activity and special events.	ST	CD, PR, TC
Policy ED2.4 Maintain lines of communication and important relationships with the business community.		
a. Establish a local network with the Chamber of Commerce, local industrial complexes, significant landholders in town, fishing community, and state agencies such as RIEDC, CRMC and DEM.	ST	CD, EDC
Policy ED2.5 Ensure tax policies are attractive to potential new businesses.		
a. Review the Town's current tax policy.	MT	CD, EDC, TC, TA

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Goal ED3 Capitalize on the economic opportunities specific to different areas of town.		
Policy ED3.1 Develop tools that are tailored to commercial areas outside of the Pier.		
a. Develop economic and physical master plans for Boon Street and other commercial special districts noted on the Future Land Use Plan.	LT	CD, PB
b. Examine opportunities for better internal circulation and access management for sites on Boston Neck Road.	MT	CD, PW, TC
c. Continue to support Galilee as an important commercial fishing port for the region.	OG	CD, TC, PB, EDC
Policy ED3.2 Develop tools that are specifically tailored to the Pier area.		
a. Examine the open space restrictions for Casino Park to see if there may be opportunity to reprogram that area.	MT	CD, TC
b. Physical master plan for the Pier area that explores specified objectives.	LT	CD, PB
Policy ED3.3 Explore more sophisticated "place-based" regulatory approaches for different districts.		
a. Continue to revisit zoning related to allowable uses, parking, dimensional standards and other requirements in specific districts to ensure there are no roadblocks to quality redevelopment.	OG	CD
b. Explore the possibility of introducing form-based zoning elements on various streets in the Pier area	MT	CD, TC
c. Explore the potential application of design standards to commercial areas on Boston Neck Road, Boon Street, and at Woodruff Ave/Point Judith Road.	MT	CD, PB
d. Consider allowing housing types such as top of the shop and cottage style units into areas around the Pier, Boon Street and off the edges of Boston Neck Road commercial properties.	ST	CD, PB, AHB
e. Ensure that existing zoning in Galilee supports commercial fishing industry uses and infrastructure capacity is maintained.	OG	CD, TC

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COMMUNITY SERVCIES AND FACILITIES

Goal CSF1: Assure that current and future growth is served with economically planned and well-maintained services and facilities.		
Goal CSF2: Provide the Narragansett community with a high level of municipal administration.		
Policy CSF 2.1: Provide the community with an efficient government that responds to changing needs.		
a. Upgrade software systems to improve municipal services and processes.	OG	TM, TC
b. Coordinate departments and establish intra-department communications.	OG	TM, TC
c. Identify opportunities to share resources with neighboring communities.	OG	TM, TC
d. Offer continuing education, training and refresher courses for municipal staff.	OG	TM, TC
Policy CSF 2.2: Provide the community with a transparent and open government.		
a. Administer public notifications according to local and state requirements.	OG	TK, TM, TC
b. Regularly update the Town's website with current information on municipal operations and activities.	OG	TK, TM, TC
Goal CSF3: Ensure that school facilities and grounds are safe and productive environments for students and teachers.		
Policy CSF 3.1: Retain the capacity and number of school facilities.		
a. Consider alternative, temporary educational and non-educational uses of school facilities that may not be currently occupied by classrooms. Evaluate short, mid and long-term actions.	OG	SD, TC
b. As demographic statistics become available, review and update short, mid and long classroom and facility needs. Ensure that school core areas meet needs (e.g., cafeteria, kitchen, auditorium).	OG	SD, TC
Policy CSF3.2: Maintain and upgrade school buildings and grounds to ensure their long-term usability.		
a. Use the School Department's Asset Management Plan to identify building and facility maintenance to sustain their long-term functionality.	OG	SC, TC
b. Continue to improve school buildings with energy-efficient systems, such as lighting, heating and cooling, window/exterior door replacement, etc. Use recent energy audit findings to prioritize projects, establishing short, mid, and long-term actions for the CIP.	OG	SC, TC
c. Develop strategies to address school bus storage and maintenance. Pursue options to move the school bus fleet at Avice Street and identify viable reuse options.	ST	SD
d. Evaluate strategies to improve pedestrian and vehicle flow at Narragansett Elementary School.	MT	SC, PW
e. Use the high school greenhouses to promote agricultural education for students and the community at large.	MT	SC, EDC, PB
f. Prioritize field improvements based on facilities assessment report. Incorporate into CIP.	ST	SD, TC

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g. Equip school department buildings, to the greatest extent practicable, to meet current and future technology in educational services. Develop short, mid, and long-term strategies to meeting anticipated advances in teaching methods.	OG	SD, TC
h. Continue to apply for Safe Routes to School funds to improve access to schools for walking and biking.	OG	CD, SD
Goal CSF4: Provide the Narragansett community with the highest level of police, fire, and emergency response services.		
Policy CSF4.1: Ensure that the Police Department has the resources to provide prompt, efficient, and courteous services to the Narragansett community.		
a. Continue to evaluate municipal policies and ordinances that address residential nuisance complaints to ensure fair and equitable responses and resolutions.	OG	PD, TC
b. Seek continuing solutions to address the integration of the community with higher education student housing and ensure law enforcement services and protections are available and fairly implemented for all residents, youth, adult, student and seniors alike.	ST	TC
c. Seek funding to address facility, program, and training demands that will increase the Police Department's ability to respond to community needs.	OG	PD, TC
Policy CSF4.2: Ensure that the Fire Department and Emergency Response Team have the resources to meet emergency and non-emergency calls.		
a. Continue to monitor firefighter facility and equipment needs.	OG	FD, TC
b. Develop a plan to address renovations and expansion at the South End Station.	LT	FD
c. Continue to evaluate alternative sites for a new Fire Department Headquarters.	OG	FD, TC
d. Continue to update and implement the Apparatus Replacement Plan through the Town's CIP.	OG	FD, TC
e. Evaluate the potential of a regional dispatch for the long-term with North Kingstown and South Kingstown.	LT	FD, PD
f. Establish procedures with North Kingstown and South Kingstown to accommodate events that require additional emergency response resources.	ST	FD, PD
Policy CSF4.3: Ensure that the Narragansett Emergency Management Agency is able to meet the responsibilities of planning, response, recovery, and mitigation of natural and man-made disasters.		
a. Establish a schedule for periodic updates of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary.	ST	EMA
b. Coordinate with FEMA, RIEMA, and other emergency response agencies.	OG	EMA
c. Integrate the Department of Public Works into the Emergency Response Plan and preparedness training.	ST	EMA, PW

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Goal CSF5: Provide the Narragansett community with library services that accommodate residents of all ages and abilities and meet state standards.		
Policy CSF5.1: Offer diverse programming that meets the needs of all residents.		
a. Link library with municipal historic, cultural, and recreational projects and programs, such as those of the Parks and Recreation Department, Historic Commission, Land Trust, etc.	OG	LB, HDC, PR, LCT
b. Evaluate opportunities to expand young adult programming.	ST	LB
Policy CSF5.2: Ensure that all residents have access to library services and resources.		
a. Address requirements related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and bring current building up to code.	ST	LB
b. Improve internet access to keep up with advances in communications technology and hardware to make the communication available.	ST	LB
Policy CSF5.2: Ensure that the library facility is functional, adequately maintained, safe for all users, and adaptable to changing technology.		
a. Continue to work with private land owner adjacent to the Library to manage parking needs.	OG	LB, ENG, TC
b. Continue to move forward with the building program for a 25,000 square-foot facility as outlined by the March, 2012 assessment that includes potential funding sources and strategies for expansion, whether onsite or in a new location.	ST	LB
c. Consider expanding the functions of the Library to include that of a Community Center.	LT	LB
d. Consider the benefit of including the senior community in all library-related goals	ST	LB
Goal CSF6: Maintain an effective Public Works Department that can adequately address construction and maintenance of municipal infrastructure and facilities.		
Policy CSF6.1: Ensure that public works facilities, equipment, and staffing adequately meet the needs of the Town to provide a high level of service.		
a. Investigate ways to expand the building and storage potential for the Public Works Department at the Westmoreland Street facility (acquiring adjacent or nearby land).	MT	PW
b. Continue to evaluate staffing capacity to meet demands of services, particularly routine maintenance.	OG	PW
c. Inventory and assess department equipment and commit to a replacement program that can be incorporated into the CIP.	OG	PW

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Policy CSF6.2: Implement long-term improvement programs for roadways, bridges, sidewalks, municipal parking lots, and infrastructure in the public right-of-way, including storm drains.		
a. Continue to implement the Pavement Management Program by prioritizing street, sidewalk, curbing, and drainage improvements over the next 10 years.	OG	PW
b. Implement the standard local road construction specification book.	OG	PW
c. Establish a 10-year plan to replace street trees in the public ROW that have been removed because of damage or disease and, include a tree maintenance schedule that is funded in accordance with the State Urban Forestry Management Plan.	MT	PW, TC
d. Enter into a mutual aid agreement for Department of Public Works staff and equipment with North Kingstown and South Kingstown.	ST	PW, TC
Goal CSF7: Provide the Narragansett community with a sustainable supply of safe drinking water.		
Policy CSF7.1: Work with North Kingstown, South Kingstown and United Water of Rhode Island to ensure an adequate water supply for all three communities.		
a. Resolve long-term water agreements with United Water Company and the Town of North Kingstown.	ST	ENG
b. Encourage and support South Kingstown and North Kingstown in their efforts to protect the groundwater resources on which all three towns depend for drinking water.	OG	ENG
c. Evaluate potential long-term alternatives to increase inventory and storage of water to accommodate future development, if needed.	MT	CD, ENG
Policy CSF7.2: Maintain the functionality of municipal water infrastructure, including interconnections.		
a. Complete the Kinney Avenue and North End Tank painting projects.	ST	ENG
b. Prioritize infrastructure improvements for inclusion in the CIP.	OG	ENG, TC
c. Evaluate annually the pricing structure to ensure full support of operational and capital costs.	OG	ENG, TC
Policy CSF7.3: Encourage the conservation and wise use of drinking water supplies.		
a. Continue to implement conservation techniques.	OG	ENG
b. Continue drought management activities with the RIWRB and water suppliers in neighboring towns.	OG	ENG
c. Continue the Town's educational program to teach residents and business owners about different water conservation techniques, such as water saving devises, proper lawn maintenance, etc.	OG	ENG
d. Ensure that new development and redevelopment activities can be accommodated by existing and projected water supplies. (See Policy LU 2.5)	OG	CD, PB, ENG

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Goal CSF8: Ensure the proper treatment of wastewater to protect public health and the natural environment.		
Policy CSF8.1: Ensure the efficiency of the Town's wastewater treatment infrastructure by implementing the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Management Plan.		
a. Improve and extend sewage collection systems in existing developments in the South End (Pt. Judith Road watershed) and North End (Narrow River, Wesquage watersheds). Avoid extensions of lines which would stimulate overdevelopment in sensitive areas. (See Policy LU 2.5)	OG	ENG, CD, TC
b. Continue to install emergency connections for portable pumps at critical pumping stations.	ST	ENG, TC
c. Identify inflow/infiltration projects that will reduce Narragansett's overall flow contribution to the Westmoreland Treatment Plant. Use earmarked funds from the new connection permit fee for implementation.	OG	ENG, TC
d. Evaluate the use of innovative sewage treatment methods where it can be shown that there is a net improvement in the environment over the existing conditions.	MT	ENG
e. Evaluate the feasibility of reusing gray water from the Scarborough Wastewater Treatment Facility.	MT	ENG
Policy CSF8.2: Implement and enforce the Narragansett Wastewater Management District.		
a. Support the Conservation Commission in the development of an educational program for OWTS maintenance.	ST	ENG, CC
b. Apply for SRF Program funds as needed to ensure a continuous funding resource for residents to upgrade OWTSs	OG	ENG, TC
Goal CSF9: Reduce solid waste and maximize recycling.		
Policy CSF9.1: Encourage recycling town-wide to meet the State's mandatory recycling rate currently set at 35% and total diversion rate of 50%.		
a. Revisit the calculation of recycling and diversion rates for South Kingstown and Narragansett at the Rose Hill Transfer Station.	ST	PW
b. Increase public outreach and local knowledge on the Town's municipal residential recycling program.	ST	PW
c. Continue to build and enhance recycling opportunities associated with the Town's residential recycling program.	ST	PW
d. Investigate the development of a local compost facility.	MT	PW
e. Continue to coordinate and develop diversion opportunities for residents, such as EcoDepots events to collect household hazardous wastes and collection of e-waste, as well as paper shredding and other specialized recycling opportunities.	OG	PW

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f. Look for ways to increase recycling opportunities in municipal facilities, such as the School Department and Parks and Recreation sites.	OG	PW, PR, SD
g. Research ways to educate and incentivize commercial establishments to recycle, particularly large producers of recyclable materials.	MT	PW, EDC
Policy CSF9.2: Continue to monitor obligations for the remediation efforts at the Rose Hill Regional Landfill and West Kingston/URI Disposal Area Landfill.		
a. Maintain financial obligations, as directed under the federal Final Decent Decree, to reimburse the State of Rhode Island for the remediation and ongoing operation and maintenance of the Rose Hill Regional Landfill.	OG	TC
b. Maintain financial obligations, as directed under state mandate, for site remediation at the West Kingston/URI Disposal Area Landfill under the state landfill closure regulations.	OG	TC
Goal CSF10: Manage the impacts of stormwater runoff and recognize the added benefits that can be gained from implementing a mix of gray and green stormwater infrastructure.		
Policy CSF10.1: Reduce illicit discharges and non-point source pollutants in local waterways.		
a. Implement Town's Phase II Stormwater Permit and Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMPP).	OG	ENG
b. As part of implementation, increase public outreach of the Town's responsibilities under the Phase II permit and increase local knowledge about how residents and business owners can reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff.	ST	ENG
c. Implement stormwater infrastructure improvement projects as part of the Phase II compliance.	OG	ENG
d. Work with RIDOT to encourage the maintenance of storm drains on state roads in Narragansett, such as Route 108, Route 1, Sand Hill Cove Road, and the Galilee Escape Road.	OG	PW, ENG
e. Investigate the feasibility of establishing a stormwater utility district as a stable source of funding for stormwater permit compliance efforts.	LT	ENG
Policy CSF10.2: Encourage the use of low-impact design (LID) techniques as a way to manage stormwater runoff and improve water quality.		
a. Develop strategies to dispose of materials from maintenance of stormwater infrastructure, such as basins, swales, etc.	MT	ENG, PW
b. Consider and evaluate alternative approaches to "gray" infrastructure (pipes) such as LID techniques (bioswales, rain gardens, etc.) as part of upgrading the municipal stormwater infrastructure improvements.	MT	ENG

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Goal CSF11: Reduce energy consumption and encourage renewable energy use by both public and private users.		
Policy CSF11.1: Increase energy efficiency of municipal buildings and operations to reduce energy consumption.		
a. Use the 2010 ESCO energy audit to continue to energy efficiency initiatives for municipal buildings and operations.	OG	ENG, PW
Policy CSF11.2: Increase renewable energy use for municipal buildings and operations.		
a. Evaluate the feasibility of municipally-managed renewable energy sources to power municipal buildings and operations in Narragansett (wind, solar, tidal), looking at possible locations, construction costs, maintenance and operations costs/needs.	LT	ENG, TC, PW
b. Work regionally with other Washington County communities to identify opportunities for investment in regional renewable energy projects.	LT	ENG, TC
c. Actively participate in state initiatives that are investigating and promoting renewable energy.	OG	ENG
Policy CSF11.3: Provide opportunities for residents and business owners to be more energy efficient and increase the use of renewable energy.		
a. Direct/link residents and business owners to energy efficiency and energy conservation educational materials as well as technical and financial resources of state and federal government agencies and utilities.	LT	CD, ENG
b. Conduct a study on the feasibility of providing a municipally-managed residential weatherization program.	ST	CD
c. Draft zoning revisions and guidelines to allow for renewable energy infrastructure on private property.	MT	CD

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NATURAL HAZARDS

Goal NH1: Guide land use development and administrative practices to avoid or minimize the effects of climate change, sea level rise and other natural hazards to people, infrastructure and property.		
Policy NH1.1: Monitor the implementation of the Narragansett Hazard Mitigation Plan.		
a. Review the Hazard Mitigation Plan ever five years as required by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and after major storm events to ensure the plan's relevancy to changing local conditions. Update Hazard Mitigation Plan and Comprehensive Plan as appropriate.	MT	HM, CD, PB, TC
b. Review hazard mitigation planning and projects at special municipal meetings as natural hazard events are anticipated, as needed, and scheduled trainings.	OG	HM, TM
Policy NH1.2: Protect critical public infrastructure that could be impacted by climate change, sea level rise and other natural hazards.		
a. Work with RIDOT to ensure the stability of the seawall along Ocean Road (Route 1A) and the structural integrity of Ocean Road as well as Boston Neck Road.	ST	ENG, PW
b. Evaluate the feasibility of underground utilities as a long-term investment, prioritizing areas with higher susceptibility to storm damage. Consider potential funding sources for implementation.	MT	CD, ENG, TC
c. Enhance and maintain the Scarborough WWTF and other wastewater infrastructure in areas vulnerable to sea level rise and areas prone to flooding during severe storm events.	MT	ENG, TC
d. Enhance and maintain drinking water infrastructure in areas vulnerable to sea level rise and areas prone to flooding during severe storm events.	MT	ENG, TC
Policy NH1.3: Minimize the risks to public and private property from climate change, sea level rise and other natural hazards.		
a. Evaluate and document new climate change and sea level data as they become available to monitor Town areas vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise.	OG	CD
b. Connect residents and business owners to information about climate change and sea level rise, and how their lives and property may be impacted in the long term.	MT	CD, EDC
c. Evaluate alternative strategies to reduce/mitigate risks to public and private properties that experience repetitive losses during storm events as well as areas vulnerable to sea level rise. Consider alternatives such as property acquisition, TDR, flood-proofing structures (e.g., retrofitting, elevation), or retreat.	LT	CD, TC, ENG, HM
d. Continue to evaluate alternatives and feasibility of beach replenishment at the Town Beach.	OG	ENG

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TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION		
Goal T1: Promote safe and efficient traffic circulation throughout the Town's transportation network.		
Policy T1.1: Maintain existing infrastructure in a timely and cost-effective manner.		
a. Continue to encourage and cooperate with RIDOT to maintain and improve State roadways in the Town. Clarify ownership and maintenance responsibilities of roads on the federal aid system.	OG	PW
b. Continue implementation of the multi-year pavement management program to maintain and rehabilitate local roadways. Consider expanding the management program to include other items.	OG	PW
c. Develop inventory of sidewalks and curb ramps and a plan for improvement program for deteriorated and non-ADA compliant locations.	MT	PW
d. Establish annual monitoring and maintenance of pavement markings, signage, and traffic control devices, including repair and replacement of signs, trimming of overgrown vegetation, cleaning, and repainting crosswalks, center lane, and edge lines including bike lanes, and symbols and miscellaneous markings.	MT	PW, TRB
Policy T1.2: Pursue improvement projects to address safety deficiencies and congested areas.		
a. Coordinate with RIDOT to identify improvement projects that address high-accident and congested locations, and aggressively pursue funding.	MT	CD, PW, ENG
b. Initiate other studies and/or safety audits to identify potential improvements for high-accident locations that are not part of ongoing or planned projects.	LT	CD, PW, ENG
c. Review recommendations of Pedestrian Safety Audit for the Pier Area and determine priorities for implementation.	ST	CD, PW, ENG
d. Encourage replatting and redesign of paper streets that do not meet current safety standards.	OG	CD, PB
e. Explore one-way circulation conversion for Ocean Road and Boon Street, or expansion of the promenade on the east side of Ocean Road.	MT	CD, ENG, TC
f. Explore potential signal timing modifications, queue management in conjunction with RIDOT at targeted locations.	MT	CD, ENG, PW
g. Explore opportunities for shared driveways or service roads along Point Judith Road and Boston Neck Road.	OG	CD, PB
h. Pursue interconnections between subdivisions, where appropriate. Appropriate locations are those in which connectivity can be enhanced without detrimental impact in terms of cut-thru traffic or a change in use of subdivision roads.	OG	CD, PB, PW

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Policy T1.3: Explore multimodal projects that complete connections and promote safe interactions between motor vehicles and pedestrians and bicyclists.		
a. Explore and implement pedestrian and bicycle improvements at locations where high volumes of pedestrians are present, e.g., Narragansett Town Beach, Narragansett Towers, Boston Neck Road, Bonnet Shores, the intersection of Point Judith Road and Ocean Road, and all other major arterial intersections in order to connect bike and pedestrian desired lines.	ST	CD, PW, ENG
b. Continue to pursue and utilize the Safe Routes to School program to improve non-motorized connections and access to school campuses. Prioritize pedestrian improvements at key locations within one mile of schools, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and curb ramps	OG	CD, SD
Goal T2: Support a variety of transportation choices that contribute to a cleaner environment and a healthier community.		
Policy T2.1: Integrate Complete Streets principles into all local transportation projects to better accommodate all users regardless of mode, age, or ability.		
a. Adopt a Complete Streets policy that applies to all new and retrofit projects in the Town.	MT	CD, PB, PW, ENG
b. Provide information about the benefits of Complete Streets principles to the public and Town staff, and publicize successful projects that integrate the principles.	MT	CD
c. Continually monitor performance of transportation projects to evaluate their benefits and impacts	ST	CD
Policy T2.2: Promote walking and biking as attractive, practical choices for recreation and every day trips.		
a. Develop and implement a long-term sidewalk improvement program.	MT	CD, PW
b. Develop a comprehensive Town-wide pedestrian and bicycle network, consistent with state plans, that includes off-street paths, on-street bike lanes, shared lane markings, and signed routes.	MT	CD, PR
c. In conjunction with the Safe Routes to School program, develop and implement a public education program about bicycle safety and bicyclists' and motorists' rights and responsibilities.	MT	CD, SD
d. Identify potential locations for bike racks and pedestrian bench installations, and increase the numbers of these amenities at key locations.	ST	CD, PR, ENG, SD
e. Explore the potential for a community bicycle-sharing system, evaluating costs and possible public/private partnerships.	MT	CD
f. Consider the implementation of bike lanes and signage on Route 1A.	LT	CD, ENG, PW

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g. Advocate for the William C. O'Neill Bike Path extension to Narragansett Town Beach that is currently on the state TIP. Identify other potential locations for bike path extensions within Narragansett as future TIP projects.	OG	CD, TC
Policy T2.3: Explore opportunities to expand access to high-quality transit service.		
a. Work with RIPTA to provide adequate curbside and streetside facilities for RIPTA bus operations, including clearly marked bus stops and bus stop amenities that enhance rider comfort and safety.	OG	CD
b. Improve park and ride access to RIPTA bus service by coordinating with parking lot owners (e.g., Salt Pond Shopping Center) and with RIPTA to establish high-quality facilities for riders.	LT	CD
c. In conjunction with sidewalk programs, identify missing links in pedestrian infrastructure between bus stops and residential areas with high transit usage, and implement improvements.	MT	CD
d. Coordinate with RIPTA and RIDOT to identify and implement bus turnouts that balance the needs of bus operations with general traffic flow at appropriate locations.	MT	CD
Policy T2.4: Consider the land use-transportation connection for all future development decisions and plans in order to manage traffic demand and ensure multimodal access.		
a. Require traffic impact studies for new developments. For large-scale developments, implement peer reviews of traffic studies to be paid for by developer to ensure accuracy and completeness of studies. Ensure that the project's transportation mitigation is in scale with the size and consequential impact of the proposed project.	OG	CD, PB
b. Explore development impact fees or other mechanisms by which developers could contribute toward large-scale transportation improvements in lieu of providing specific infrastructure improvements as project mitigation.	MT	CD, PB
c. Implement appropriate land use controls and transportation design review standards to maintain the functional integrity of the existing road system. Review and update transportation design standards to incorporate complete street policies, and implement these changes into the land use controls.	MT	CD, PB
d. Consider livability issues in addition to mobility and safety issues when prioritizing transportation projects.	OG	CD, PB
e. Coordinate transportation improvements for the intersection of Point Judith Road (Route 108) and South Pier Road and the surrounding development with future land use recommendations, in order to improve safety and circulation throughout Caswell Corner. Explore the potential for connecting the existing driveway from South Pier Road to Point Judith Road to create a connection for enhanced circulation.	LT	CD, PB, ENG

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f. Consider a study that will result in an access management plan for Boston Neck Road to establish policies that would ensure that new development and redevelopment do not degrade existing traffic conditions. Plan should review all modes and make recommendations to improve existing congestion conditions.	MT	CD, PB, ENG
Goal T3: Develop a context-sensitive transportation network that enhances the unique characteristics of the Town's neighborhoods and key attractions.		
Policy T3.1: Ensure transportation projects are designed and constructed in harmony with the local community and preserve scenic, historic, and environmental values of the area.		
a. Continue to designate appropriate roads as scenic and develop and implement standards to maintain the scenic quality of designated roads. Adopt regulations for alterations and construction in scenic ROWs to preserve scenic quality.	OG	CD
b. Develop processes for identifying potential locations for traffic calming measures and for selecting appropriate measures based on the needs of selected locations.	MT	CD, PW, ENG
Policy T3.2: Integrate transportation infrastructure in multidisciplinary "placemaking" efforts for individual districts and destinations.		
a. Pursue transportation and streetscape improvements to Boon Street that enhance its ~~mixed-use~~ village character.	MT	CD
b. Enhance pedestrian and bicycle amenities at the Pier, The Towers, and Town Beach.	LT	CD, PW, PR, ENG
Policy T3.3: Provide transportation infrastructure that supports the economic activity of the Town's shopping and tourist areas. (See Policy T3.4)		
a. Consider selecting Ocean Road between the Town Beach and South Pier Road as a pilot location for enhanced traffic calming measures, including recommendations of the Pedestrian Safety Audit.	LT	CD, ENG
b. Evaluate potential parking management strategies for Galilee, Town Beach, and in the vicinity of the Pier to address perceived lack of parking supply.	MT	CD, TC, PR
c. Develop and implement transportation safety plans for large events such as firework displays, including alternative parking shuttle options.	ST	CD, PD, ENG
d. Develop trolley service for both Town Beach access and Town-wide services.	ST	TC
Policy T3.4: Ensure that development around the Port of Galilee supports its use as a state-owned commercial fishing port and intermodal terminal.		
a. Explore multimodal transportation improvements for Galilee, including shuttle service, seasonal RIPTA service and parking management in conjunction with the ferry service.	MT	CD, ENG, PW

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b. Monitor internal circulation of heavy vehicles to ensure movement of freight (to and from the ferry terminal as well as to and from commercial fishing piers and surrounding support businesses) is accommodated and efficient.	OG	ENG, PW

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HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Goal H1 Maximize the benefits and minimize the costs of short-term residents without adding undue burdens to year-round residents and municipal resources.		
Policy H1.1 Ensure a timely response to concerns related to student renter issues and a cooperative effort to develop resolutions~~Ensure that all stakeholders have the ability to communicate concerns in an effort to develop resolutions for issues stemming from student renters~~.		
a. Evaluate current communication procedures to reach the public officials that administer municipal programs dealing with nuisances and local code violations. Determine any revisions, as needed, and work with town staff to implement revisions.	ST	PD, TC
Policy H1.2 Reduce the impacts of student renters on the quality of life in local neighborhoods.		
a. Evaluate municipal regulatory and programmatic approaches that are designed to address the impacts of student renters and their effectiveness. Consider new approaches that might include assigning police detail in specific neighborhoods on Friday and/or Saturday nights.	ST	PD, TC
b. Investigate new ways to use the information in the existing rental property database.	ST~~MT~~	PD, TA
c. Continue to work with URI representatives to address neighborhood complaints associated with students through review of existing URI housing policies.	OG	PD, TM
Policy H1.3 Ensure that seasonal rentals do not unduly strain public services.		
a. Evaluate and document the positive and negative impacts of seasonal rentals (both student rentals from September to May and vacationers from June to August) on public services and facilities. Consider impacts to local public services (such as police, fire and rescue, water, and sewer services) as well as the social and economic impacts to local businesses and year.	ST	CD, ENG, PW, PD, FD, TM, TC, TA, EDC
b. Identify long-term public service and infrastructure needs that may result from seasonal rentals. Determine if these needs can be met through capital improvements or require outside funding resources.	MT	CD, ENG, PW, PD, FD, TM, TC, TA, EDC
Policy H1.4 Ensure that seasonal rentals meet local and state housing codes to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of occupants.		
a. Increase capacity to routinely inspect rental properties for housing code violations such as overcrowding, illegal parking and property maintenance.	OG~~ST~~	BI, PD, TC
b. Consider the development of a Code Enforcement Task Force that evaluates progress towards improving living conditions in rental properties.	LT	BI, PD, TC

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Policy H1.5 Maximize the benefits of seasonal rentals to the Town.		
a. Develop support from other communities and local legislatures for new state legislation that would allow municipalities to collect sales and use tax on seasonal rentals as appropriate.	LT	EDC, TA, TC
Goal H2 Protect the unique character of Narragansett's neighborhoods.		
Policy H2.1 Promote high quality, energy-efficient residential design. (See Policy LU2.6) Policy H2.2 Support residential infill and expansion that is sensitive to its surroundings and does not negatively impact a neighborhood's character. (See Policies LU2.2 and LU2.8)		
a. Conduct architectural surveys of specific older neighborhoods and build on historic surveys as needed.	ST	CD, PB, HC
b. Review and update the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to incorporate guidelines that ensure infill is compatible to the surrounding neighborhood.	MT	CD, PB
Goal H3 Provide residents with a high quality of life in safe, energy-efficient neighborhoods with many mobility options.		
Policy H3.1 Ensure that every neighborhood has access to high quality recreational opportunities.		
a. Identify neighborhoods that do not have access to recreation or parks within a quarter mile (walking distance). Develop strategies to increase resources or establish links to access.	MT	CD, PR
b. Review and update the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to increase recreation and/or open space.	ST	CD, PB
Policy H3.2 Reduce the impacts to residential areas from neighboring, incompatible uses.		
~~a. Evaluate the application of a renewed Village Zoning Ordinance to use mixed-use development as a transition between commercial and residential areas. (See Policy LU2.8 g.)~~	~~ST~~	~~CD, PB, TC~~
~~b.~~a. Use the Greenbelt system to buffer residential areas from incompatible uses. (See Policy LU2.4).	MT	CD, PB, TC
Policy H3.3 Provide sidewalks in neighborhoods, as appropriate.		
a. Update the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to encourage sidewalks in appropriate neighborhoods.	ST	CD, PB
b. Consider payment in lieu for waivers, where funds are placed in a dedicated "sidewalk fund" to be used to construct/repair sidewalks in other areas of town with a need.	MT	CD, PB, TC
c. Evaluate neighborhoods for sidewalk installation. Prioritize those in close proximity to schools (see T2.2).	MT	CD, SD, ENG, PW

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Policy H3.4 Ensure that neighborhoods have walking and biking connections to community resources such as parks, open spaces, schools, employment centers, and commercial areas as well as other adjacent neighborhoods.		
a. Update the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to encourage, where practicable, the creation of connections between neighborhoods as well as to commercial areas, schools, and recreational and open space resources.	ST	CD, PB
b. Identify the linkages (or lack of) between existing neighborhoods as well as to commercial areas, schools, and recreational and open space resources to identify opportunities for safe walking and bike routes.	ST	CD, SC, PR, PW
c. Apply for funding to build missing links.	MT	CD, TC
Policy H3.5 Build links between neighborhoods and access to public transportation.		
a. Coordinate with RIPTA and private transportation services as appropriate to increase accessibility to meet the need.	LT	CD
Policy H3.6 Encourage residents to be more energy efficient.		
a. Partner with local organizations that offer home improvement assistance to increase awareness of these programs to improve energy efficiency of homes.	LT	CD
b. Consider establishing a municipal revolving loan program to replace heating systems, windows, exterior doors, etc.	LT	CD, TC
c. Promote state and federal programs that offer tax credits for installing renewable energy technology (solar water heaters, residential-scale wind turbines, etc.) on residential properties.	LT	CD
d. Evaluate the feasibility of municipal tax credits for installing renewable energy technology (solar water heaters, residential-scale wind turbines, etc.) on residential properties.	LT	CD
Goal H4 Ensure long-term community sustainability by promoting diverse housing opportunities that are equitable and affordable for residents of all ages and incomes.		
Policy H4.1 Encourage year-round rentals through programmatic and regulatory approaches to build a stable, year-round population.		
a. Evaluate the feasibility of municipal incentives to encourage property owners to rent to year-round tenants.	ST	TA, TC
b. Review the town's current tax policy. (See Policy ED2.5)	ST	TA, TC

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Policy H4.2 Use regulatory approaches to develop low and moderate income housing to meet the 10% state mandate.		
a. Revisit the Inclusionary Zoning ordinance to ensure that it is producing desired outcomes. Investigate using density bonuses to promote or allow for the development of affordable housing, except in areas designated by Rhode Island's Coastal Resource Management Council (CRMC) of critical concern or self sustaining lands zones.	MT	AHB, CD, PB
b. Revisit the proposed Lot Split Ordinance, which will allow existing "substandard lots of record" to be separated from the adjacent conforming lot if the substandard lot is developed with single family affordable housing.	MT	AHB, CD, PB
c. Consider incentives that would allow some existing affordable rental apartment buildings to be expanded, provided that some of the units are preserved as affordable family units.	ST	AHB, CD, PB
d. Revisit the Accessory Unit ordinance to make it more attractive to property owners.	ST	AHB, CD, PB
e. Evaluate the use of Transfer of Development Rights as a mechanism to create affordable housing.	MT	AHB, CD, PB
~~f. Revisit the Village Zoning ordinance to assess its applicability to other areas of Town where mixed-use could be accommodated and incentives created to increase the development of affordable housing units.~~	~~ST~~	~~AHB, CD, PB~~
Policy H4.3 Promote the construction, renovation and conversion of existing housing units as low and moderate income housing through local programs and incentives.		
a. Draft incentives to promote redesign of older platted subdivisions to a new layout which is more sensitive to environmental constraints as a way to create a new moderate/market priced subdivision opportunities.	LT	CD
b. Seek funding from state and federal agencies for the construction of LMI housing, particularly as infill.	OG	CD, AHB, TC
c. Build reserves in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and develop programs that actively use the fund as a financial tool to support the development of affordable housing within the Town. Identify partners, such as the NCLT, to assist in program implementation.	LT	CD, AHB, LCT
d. Develop incentives that encourage property owners to consider rehabilitating and converting their existing rental apartment units into protected affordable housing.	ST	CD, AHB
e. Meet, as needed, with state departments and local organizations to support existing group homes as well as promote the construction and or conversion of new special needs facilities.	OG	CD, AHB
f. Investigate town properties that could be appropriate for the construction of affordable housing.	OG	CD, AHB
g. Develop strategies to ensure that affordable housing development projects seeking a comprehensive permit through the State Affordable Housing Act have a predictable process and meet local environmental requirements and other community concerns.	MT	CD, AHB

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Policy H4.4 Support local and regional boards, organizations, and associations in the advocacy and development of low and moderate income housing in Narragansett.		
a. Establish regular communication with the Narragansett Housing Authority.	OG	CD, AHB
b. Identify ways the Narragansett Affordable Housing Trust can support the construction and rehabilitation of single family homes and multi-family buildings for both homeownership and rental opportunities for families.	ST	CD, AHB
c. Participate in state and regional initiatives to advocate for affordable housing in Narragansett.	OG	CD, AHB
d. Establish a supportive relationship with South County Community Action's Action Community Land Trust.	ST	CD, AHB
e. Collaborate with the Washington County Community Development Corporation in the creation of affordable housing in the region and Narragansett.	OG	CD, AHB
f. Establish supportive relationships with other organizations providing home ownership and rental opportunities for low/moderate income individuals and families.	MT	CD, AHB

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HISTORIC, CULTURAL AND SCENIC RESOURCES

Goal HCS1 Protect the local historic and cultural resources to retain the Town's sense of place and distinctive character.		
Policy HCS1.1 Use local regulatory mechanisms to protect and enhance local historic and cultural resources.		
a. Determine the expansion of regulated areas of historic district zones following appropriate research and identification of historic properties.	MT	CD, HC, TC
b. Modify the Town's Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to promote preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural resources.	MT	CD, PB, TC
c. Require placement of utilities underground for all state and municipal projects in areas that have been designated as historic or special districts and in designated scenic areas and areas with significant views.	LT	CD, HC, TC
d. Evaluate the use of TDR and other regulatory mechanisms or incentives to provide alternatives to the subdivision development of large historic estates and farms.	MT	CD, HC
e. Develop a stone wall protective ordinance.	MT	CD, PB, HC
Policy HCS1.2 Designate and, where appropriate, acquire important historic and cultural resources and plan for their protection.		
a. Nominate additional historic resources to the State and National Registers of Historic Places.	OG	HC, CD
b. Designate new historic districts for local historical district zoning which are comprised of the listed and eligible National Register resources and appropriate local resources which form a cohesive historic area.	MT	CD, PB, HC, TC
c. Develop and implement a public facility management plan which includes town-owned historic resources and provides for preservation of these resources.	LT	CD, HC
Policy HCS1.3 Support programs of government agencies and non-governmental organizations in the protection of historic and scenic resources.		
a. Participate on the RI Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries to advocate the preservation of historical cemeteries.	OG	NHCC
b. Support the Narragansett Historical Society, the South County Museum and other not-for-profit organizations wishing to promote historic preservation activities.	OG	HC, CD
Policy HCS1.4 Encourage private property owners to maintain the historic qualities of their properties.		
a. Investigate property tax incentives for the certified rehabilitation of designated historic properties (e.g. State historic preservation tax credit and/or local property tax waivers).	ST	CD, HC, TC
b. Promote a town-sponsored program for the purchase of historic facade easements which makes use of grant assistance from federal, state and foundation sources. Promote a voluntary easement donation program first, then expand to easement purchase when funding allows.	LT	CD, HC, TC

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c. Promote a local revolving loan fund for certified rehabilitations of historic structures in cooperation with neighboring towns.	LT	CD, HC, TC
Goal HCS2 Promote the sustainable use of historic and cultural resources to increase awareness and access.		
Policy HCS2.1 Combine economic development initiatives with historic preservation and open space-recreation initiatives.		
a. Develop events and programs that highlight Narragansett's historic resources and draw visitors to the area, particularly during the "off season."	MT	HC, EDC
Policy HCS2.2 Increase access to and awareness of historic and cultural resources while still protecting their integrity and cultural significance.		
a. Consider publishing educational and promotional materials on Narragansett's historic and scenic resources. A guide on successful historic rehabilitation design in Narragansett.	ST	HC
b. Make connections between open spaces, historic districts, and the bike path through Narragansett using the abandoned Sea View Railroad rights-of-way as a spine and the William C. O'Neil Bike Path.	MT	CD, PR, HC
Goal HCS3 Enhance and protect the Town's unique scenic views and vistas.		
Policy HCS3.1 Maintain the scenic qualities of Narragansett through municipal programs.		
a. Acquire property by purchase or donation through active participation of the NLCT.	LT	LCT
b. Scenic overlay district or scenic resource zone that could identify and protect important landscapes and structures that create distinctive views.	LT	CD, PB
c. Designate scenic roads for protection from insensitive upgrade plans and develop a process to review town submissions.	MT	CD, PB
Policy HCS3.2 Encourage private property owners to maintain the scenic views across their properties.		
a. Promote the use of scenic and open space easements.	OG	CD, PB
b. Promote a voluntary easement donation program first, then expand to easement purchase when funding allows.	MT	CD, LCT, TC

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Goal NR1: Protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Town's natural resources.		
Policy NR1.1: Ensure that natural resources are protected from impacts associated with development. (See Policy LU 2.3)		
a. Provide economic incentives for owners not to develop, or limit development, in areas of critical environmental concern.	ST	LCT, CD
b. Link Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust, RIDEM, and other conservation organizations with private property owners for acquisition of easements, fee simple donation, etc.	ST	LCT, CD
Policy NR1.2: Support federal, state, and local agencies as well as non-governmental organizations in protecting natural resources.		
a. Work with CRMC in monitoring coastal activities in and on Point Judith Pond and in the implementation of the Salt Pond SAMP.	OG	CD
b. Establish partnerships with Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust, Friends of Canonchet, Narrow River Preservation Association, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and The Nature Conservancy, among others working in the region.	OG	CD, LCT
Policy NR1.3: Protect water resources from non-point sources of pollution. (See Goal CSF10)		
a. Investigate methods to improve flushing in Narrow River.	LT	
b. Work with the Town of South Kingstown to support RIDEM in addressing the impacts of upstream contributions of non-point source pollution on Point Judith Pond.	OG	CD, ENG
c. Integrate stormwater management techniques and regulations identified in the RIDEM's Stormwater Design Manual, as appropriate for Narragansett.	ST	CD, PB
d. Where socially and economically feasible, use natural systems (e.g. "green infrastructure") to treat stormwater runoff.		
e. Play an active role with North Kingstown and South Kingstown in their efforts to protect groundwater resources that serve as drinking water supplies.	OG	ENG
f. Review water quality data developed each year by all sources available, including, but not limited to, the Salt Ponds Coalition, Narrow River Preservation Association and the URI Watershed Watch.	OG	ENG, CD
Goal NR2: Ensure that the Town's natural resources contribute to the local quality of life.		
Policy NR2.1: Ensure that residents and visitor share access to natural resources, where appropriate. (See Policy ROS1.2)		
a. Integrate public access into management plans of public lands, as appropriate.	LT	CC, LCT, CD

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Goal NR3: Promote sustainable use of natural resources to support the local economy.		
Policy NR3.1: Ensure the protection of natural resources while maintaining their accessibility for economic activities.		
a. Implement the Harbor Management Plan and update it periodically, but always within 10 years of any prior update, with new data, management techniques, and available technical and financial resources.	LT	HR, ENG
b. Develop short term approaches to reestablish and protect coastal dunes.	ST	ENG
c. Continue to evaluate and establish long-term reclamation strategies to address the impacts of erosion and sea level rise on the Town Beach. Pursue funding and resources to help implement feasible strategies.	MT	ENG
d. Initiate a plan to cooperate and work with the State to establish a long term resiliency plan for Boston Neck Road	LT	Eng, CD
e. Monitor the beach profile for continued sand replenishment, consider a plan for dune replenishment, and consider new materials, such as pervious asphalt, for the parking lot surfaces.	ST	ENG
f. Analyze the impact that sea level rise may have on the need to elevate Town beach structures.	LT	ENG
g. Coordinate with the State to ensure adequate maintenance of the Seawall and Boston Neck Road.	OG	ENG
h. Coordinate with state and federal sources to pursue dredging of the mouth of Narrow River and consider acceptability of the sand for beach replenishment.	MT	ENG

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RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Goal ROS1: Provide residents and visitors with high-quality recreational facilities and open space resources that meet diverse needs and changing demands.		
Policy ROS1.1: Provide neighborhood-based recreational facilities to all areas of Town. (See Policy H2.1) Policy ROS1.2: Promote increased public access to the shore.		
a. Use the Conservation Commission's Adopt-a-Spot program to maintain and develop new coastal access sites and connect with historic and cultural resources.	LT	CD, HC, CC
b. Develop a rights-of-way plan that ranks those coastal access ways that require improvements. Develop plans for these areas and a schedule and estimated cost of improvements.	MT	CC, CD
c. Develop a public boat ramp in an area that provides safe and easy access to the ocean in order to relieve boating pressure on Narrow River and Point Judith Pond.	LT	CC, ENG, PR
d. Work with RIDOT, USFWS and others to improve public access to the Narrow River in the vicinity of the Sprague Bridge.	ST	PR, CD
e. Develop expanded facilities and programs only if all safety considerations have been addressed and implemented simultaneously with the Plan.		
Policy ROS1.3: Increase opportunities for year-round use of recreational and open space resources as a way to increase economic opportunities.		
a. Develop opportunities for more indoor and outdoor recreational activities and ensure there are no zoning barriers in districts where these uses would be appropriate.	MT	PR, CD
b. Incorporate economic development objectives into property management plans.	LT	PR, CD, EDC
c. Identify off-season recreational uses of recreation and open space resources, including activities and events, to promote use year-round.	MT	PR, EDC
d. Work with the Chamber of Commerce and South County Tourism Council to develop a geotourism package that highlights how residents and visitors to Narragansett and the region can experience what makes Narragansett unique.	LT	CD, PR, EDC
Policy ROS1.4: Meet the diverse recreational needs of residents of all ages through strategic planning and cooperative approaches.		
a. Develop multi-use recreational complexes for new facilities rather than isolated single purpose recreational facilities.	LT	PR
b. Continue to work with the School Department to expand opportunities to share recreational resources.	OG	PR, SD

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c. Continue coordination with area arts organizations, museums, historical societies, and other interest groups for programming, gymnasium and other recreational needs.	MT	PR, HC
d. Work with adjacent towns and URI to explore the need and feasibility for a regional sports complex with pools, ice rink, gymnasium, track, etc.	MT	PR
e. Complete a master plan for the Middlebridge property.	MT	TC, PR, CD
Policy ROS1.5: Work with governmental and non-governmental partners to ensure that local recreational and open space needs are met while still satisfying demands of regional visitors.		
a. Coordinate with the State of Rhode Island and South County Tourism Council in recreational planning to ensure that state policies are developed in concert with town policies.	OG	PR
b. Support the establishment of a regional nonprofit South County Land Trust.	LT	PR, TC, LCT
c. Establish communication with federal and state officials regarding the potential town acquisition of federally-owned and state-owned open space and recreational lands as they become available.	ST	LCT, CD, PR, TC
Goal ROS2: Promote the development and acquisition of recreational facilities and open space resources as an integrated system.		
Policy ROS2.1: Link parks, open spaces, scenic points, adopt-a-spots and overlooks with the Town's circulation system of walkways, trail systems, and bike paths. (See Policy HCS2.2)		
a. Identify gaps between resources and neighborhoods. (See Policy H2.1)	MT	PR, CD
b. Identify and secure funding to build connections.	MT	CD, PR, TC
c. Increase bike safety through bike path development, striping, signage and, where possible, roadway shoulder improvements. (See Policy T2.2 b)	MT	ENG
d. Continue the planning and implementation of recreational trails town-wide.	OG	PR, CD
Policy ROS 2.2: Use a variety of regulatory and programmatic approaches that promote the dedication and acquisition of park land, natural areas, and open space. (See Policy LU2.4)		
a. Encourage the dedication of open space and recreational lands in new, larger subdivision approvals with a reasonable and legally defensible district based recreational land/fee assessment.	OG	PB, CD
b. Promote the use of the Planned Residential District floating zone and cluster zoning as a means to guide new subdivision development to preserve the natural areas that are integrated with resources on adjacent properties.	OG	PB, CD

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Policy ROS 2.3: Support municipal efforts, including those of the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust, in its endeavors to acquire and manage historic, cultural, recreation and open space properties.		
a. Use the NLCT to promote a voluntary easement donation program, expanding to easement purchase when the land warrants and funding allows.	ST	CD, PB, LCT
b. Acquire historic and open space easements through the NLCT.	OG	LCT
c. Develop programs that enable the Town to purchase agricultural lands or their development rights.	MT	CD, LCT, TC
d. Develop incentives that encourage voluntary gifts of conservation easements that protect current private open space lands, including but not limited to, those registered with the Farm, Forest and Open Space Program.	MT	CD, LCT
e. Catalogue restrictive easements and covenants on open space lands within new and existing developments so that an easily accessed record of open space dedications is retained and available to decision makers and the public.	MT	TA, LCT
f. Monitor acquired easements with support from NLCT.	OG	TA, LCT
g. Encourage the acquisition or preservation of marshlands through easements.	MT	LCT, CD, PB
Policy ROS 2.4: Maintain recreational and open space resources to ensure their functionality and usefulness.		
a. Develop master plans for the Town's major recreational and open space properties.	LT	CD, PR
b. Implement a CIP to schedule in a phased and systematic manner acquisition and development of recreational and open space facilities within the financial capabilities of the Town. Integrated action items of property master plans.	OG	PR
c. Coordinate with all town departments to clarify roles and responsibilities and create a long range program for the development, use and maintenance of existing and proposed new facilities.	ST	PR, PW, SD, CD
d. Develop partnerships with local community groups and any appropriate boards and commissions to identify cooperative efforts in the maintenance of recreational sites.	ST	PR, SD
e. Review existing municipal property management plans to document implementation, ensure consistency with the comprehensive plan, and update as needed to meet changing needs.	ST	CD, PR

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