

Land Use Implementation Actions (9/17/2026)			
ID	Implementation Action	Responsible Party	Timeframe
LU-A1	Review and amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as necessary to achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map within the timeframe required by state law.	Town Council; Planning Board; Department of Community Development	Short Term
LU-A2	Review and update the Subdivision and Development Review Regulations to implement the Comprehensive Plan, maintain consistency with state law, and incorporate land use objectives	Planning Board; Department of Community Development	Short Term
LU-A3	Review the zoning of permanently protected conservation and open-space properties and amend the Zoning Map, as appropriate, to reflect their protected status and intended long-term use.	Town Council; Planning Board; Department of Community Development	Short-Term
LU-A4	Review the zoning of Town-owned properties and amend the Zoning Map, as appropriate, to reflect current and planned municipal uses.	Town Council; Planning Board; Department of Community Development	Short-Term
LU-A5	Develop a long-term land-use strategy for the former landfill/Minturn Farm property that considers existing renewable-energy use, environmental constraints, compatible recreational and conservation uses, public access, long-term management needs, funding opportunities, and potential partnerships.	Town Administrator; Community Development; DPW; Planning Board	Medium Term
LU-A6	Review and update zoning and development standards along Metacom Avenue to support appropriate redevelopment of vacant and underutilized properties and mixed-use development, improve site and building design, provide transitions to adjoining residential areas, and coordinate land-use changes with transportation and infrastructure improvements.	Planning Board; Town Council; Community Development	Short Term/Ongoing
LU-A7	Review and update zoning and development standards along Metacom Avenue to support appropriate redevelopment and mixed-use development, improve site and building design, provide transitions to adjoining residential areas, and coordinate land-use changes with transportation and infrastructure improvements.	Planning Board; Town Council; Community Development	Short–Medium Term
LU-A8	Review zoning and development standards for appropriate existing commercial areas to identify opportunities for mixed-use redevelopment, including upper-story and other appropriately integrated housing, continued commercial activity, more efficient parking and site design, and improved pedestrian access and circulation.	Planning Board; Town Council; Community Development	Short–Medium Term
LU-A9	Review zoning and development standards for the Bristol Industrial Park and surrounding lands to support continued economic development, retain viable industrial land, improve transitions to adjacent uses, and address environmental constraints associated with the Silver Creek watershed.	Planning Board; Community Development; Economic Development Commission	Medium Term
LU-A10	Evaluate opportunities for conservation, ecological restoration, green infrastructure, and appropriate multimodal connections on environmentally constrained or undeveloped land within and adjoining industrial and commercial areas, particularly where such measures would protect the Silver Creek watershed.	Community Development; Planning Board; Conservation Commission; DPW	Medium–Long Term

LU-A11	Review Downtown zoning and development standards to support mixed-use activity, context-sensitive infill, and adaptive reuse while maintaining historic development patterns, pedestrian orientation, appropriate building scale, and neighborhood character. Evaluate local standards that can supplement state adaptive-reuse requirements where legally permissible.	Planning Board; Historic District Commission; Town Council; Community Development	Short–Medium Term
LU-A12	Coordinate with Roger Williams University through applicable zoning and master-plan review processes to ensure that future campus development addresses surrounding neighborhoods, housing, transportation and infrastructure capacity, shoreline and natural-resource constraints, and Town land use objectives.	Community Development; Planning Board; RWU	Ongoing
LU-A13	Identify large undeveloped or underdeveloped privately and institutionally owned properties that may be susceptible to future development or disposition and establish strategies for early coordination with property owners and evaluation of conservation easements, development rights, acquisition, conservation development, or other appropriate land-use tools.	Community Development; Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Bristol Land Conservation Trust	Ongoing
LU-A14	Evaluate local land-use and regulatory tools to protect significant wetlands, wetland buffers, watersheds, floodplains, and other environmentally sensitive lands beyond minimum state requirements where legally authorized, and advocate for stronger state protections where local authority is limited.	Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Community Development	Medium Term/Ongoing
LU-A15	Incorporate sea-level rise, coastal flooding, stormwater, erosion, and other climate hazards into zoning, subdivision review, redevelopment planning, and future land-use decisions, including evaluation of appropriate adaptation strategies for vulnerable areas.	Planning Board; Community Development; DPW	Ongoing
LU-A16	Maintain and enhance the Town’s GIS-based land use information and mapping to support planning, development review, resource protection, and municipal decision-making.	Community Development	Ongoing
LU-A17	Periodically review available RIDEM Site Remediation and Brownfields information to identify properties where environmental assessment, remediation, or coordinated redevelopment may be warranted. Work with RIDEM, property owners, and other partners to pursue available assessment and remediation assistance and funding and support redevelopment consistent with the Future Land Use Map.	Department of Community Development; Town Administrator	Ongoing
LU-A18	Continue to incorporate available authoritative information regarding sea-level rise, coastal and inland flooding, extreme precipitation, stormwater, erosion, and other relevant hazards into zoning, subdivision review, redevelopment planning, and land-use decisions, and incorporate updated federal and state data and methodologies as they become available.	Department of Community Development; Department of Public Works; Building Official	Ongoing
LU-A19	Coordinate with federal, state, regional, and academic partners to support improvements to precipitation, flood-risk, drainage, and other hazard data relevant to Bristol. Pursue available funding for supplemental local data collection, monitoring, modeling, mapping, and technical studies where existing datasets do not provide sufficient current or site-specific information for local resilience planning.	Department of Community Development; Department of Public Works; Town Administrator	Ongoing