

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

This Implementation Program outlines the specific municipal actions the Town will undertake to achieve the goals and policies set forth in this Comprehensive Plan. It is intended to serve as a practical, stand-alone reference tool to guide implementation efforts and support ongoing reporting, evaluation, and future updates.

Each action item has been prioritized and assigned a timeframe:

- **Short-term** – to be implemented within two years of Plan adoption.
- **Medium-term** – to be implemented within six years of Plan adoption.
- **Long-term** – to be implemented within ten years of Plan adoption.
- **Continual** – for actions that are recurring or ongoing in nature and therefore not completed.

Many implementation actions support multiple goals, policies, and plan elements and should be considered collectively rather than independently.

Several implementation actions identified in this Plan are currently included, in whole or in part, within the Town's adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These actions are identified within the implementation tables to demonstrate consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and ongoing municipal capital planning efforts. Inclusion in the Implementation Program does not constitute project authorization or funding approval.

The annual municipal budgeting process and Capital Improvement Program should be used, where appropriate, to help prioritize and fund implementation actions.

Responsibilities and Oversight

Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan will involve coordination among the Town Council, Planning Board, Town Administrator, municipal departments, boards, commissions, and other public and private partners, as applicable to each action item.

Responsible parties identified within the implementation tables represent the primary municipal entities anticipated to lead or coordinate each action; successful implementation may also require coordination with additional local departments or state or federal agencies, or private and nonprofit partners.

The Planning Board shall serve an ongoing role in overseeing implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, including annual review of implementation status and reporting to the Town Council and the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning, consistent with state law.

Implementation Status and Reporting

The Planning Board shall annually review the status of implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure continued progress toward achieving the goals and policies of the Plan. The process shall be as follows:

1. The Town Planner shall prepare and submit an annual implementation report to the Planning Board for review.
2. The Planning Board shall submit a summary report to the Town Council, which shall review the plan implementation progress at a public meeting.
3. Within five years of Plan adoption, the Planning Board shall submit an implementation status report to the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning, consistent with Rhode Island General Law.

The Implementation Program is intended to be flexible and may be amended over time to respond to changing community needs, funding opportunities, regulations, or priorities. Implementation of actions will depend on available funding, staffing, and other municipal resources.

Update Cycle

This Comprehensive Plan shall be updated and re-adopted within ten years of the original adoption date, consistent with Rhode Island General Law.