

<b>Implementation Actions</b>			
<b>ID</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
NR-1	Review and update the Bristol Harbor Management Plan and associated regulations as needed to support water quality protection, coastal resource management, public access, and sustainable use of Bristol Harbor.	Harbor Commission, Harbor Master, Department of Community Development, Town Council	Ongoing
NR-2	Continue implementation of stormwater management, Low Impact Development (LID), green infrastructure, and water quality improvement projects. Minimize new impervious surfaces, encourage pervious surfaces, rain gardens, bioswales, native plantings, and retrofit existing developed areas where feasible.	Department of Community Development, Department of Public Works, Planning Board	Ongoing
NR-3	Continue implementation of watershed restoration and water quality improvement projects within the Silver Creek, Tanyard Brook, and Kickemuit River watersheds, including restoration of natural hydrology, wetland and salt marsh restoration, sediment management, drainage improvements, and protection of water quality.	Department of Community Development, Department of Public Works, Planning Board, Town Council	Medium-Term
NR-4	Protect wetlands, coastal resources, riparian corridors, and other environmentally sensitive areas through mapping, regulatory protections, land conservation, and development review procedures.	Planning Board, Department of Community Development, Conservation Commission	Ongoing
NR-5	Continue implementation of the Open Space Plan and pursue acquisition of conservation lands, easements, development rights, and other conservation interests to protect significant open space, farmland, shoreline resources, habitat areas, and environmentally sensitive lands.	Department of Community Development, Conservation Commission, Bristol Land Trust, Planning Board, Town Council	Ongoing
NR-6	Preserve and enhance public access to coastal resources through acquisition of easements, rights-of-way, shoreline access opportunities, waterfront trails, public boat launches, and protection of public viewsheds.	Department of Community Development, Harbor Commission, Conservation Commission, Town Council	Ongoing

NR-7	Continue implementation of the Town's urban forestry and tree management programs, including recommendations of the 2024 Strategic Tree Canopy Plan, inventorying public trees, identifying and protecting heritage and champion trees, developing a multi-year street tree planting program, planting trees in areas with limited canopy coverage, and maintaining or increasing overall tree canopy coverage.	Conservation Commission, Tree Commission, Department of Community Development	Ongoing
NR-8	Expand public education and outreach efforts related to stormwater management, water quality protection, environmental stewardship, recycling, native landscaping, and natural resource conservation.	Department of Community Development, Conservation Commission, Schools, Community Partners	Ongoing
NR-9	Prioritize acquisition and protection of flood-prone properties, repetitive loss properties, coastal floodplain lands, and other vulnerable natural resource areas where conservation will support environmental protection and hazard mitigation objectives.	Department of Community Development, Town Council, Conservation Commission	Long-Term
NR-10	Periodically update the Open Space Plan and utilize the Plan to guide conservation priorities, grant applications, land acquisition efforts, and stewardship initiatives.	Department of Community Development, Conservation Commission, Planning Board	Long-Term
NR-11	Periodically review and update zoning and development regulations to support natural resource protection, water quality improvement, and environmental stewardship objectives.	Department of Community Development, Planning Board, Town Council	Ongoing
NR-12	Continue to partner with conservation organizations, state agencies, and regional partners to protect, manage, and enhance significant natural resources, conservation lands, and public access opportunities.	Department of Community Development, Conservation Commission, Bristol Land Trust, State Agencies	Ongoing
NR-13	Coordinate implementation of natural resource protection initiatives with recommendations identified through the Municipal Resilience Program, hazard mitigation planning efforts, and other resilience initiatives.	Department of Community Development	Ongoing