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Overview

The Plan of Conservation and Development has been prepared to meet the challenges that will confront the Town of Somers over the next ten years and beyond.

The first step in the planning process was to understand Somers and the desires of its residents. A great deal of information was collected, presented, reviewed, and discussed as part of the process of developing this Plan.

The second step was to determine what direction the residents of Somers want to take. Many meetings were held to assess local issues and discuss alternative strategies. Through this work, general goals were developed and a vision for the future of Somers was confirmed.

The third step was to develop actions and policies to guide Somers' residents and agencies towards achieving their vision. These specific strategies are detailed throughout the Plan and summarized in the implementation tables found in Chapter 7 – Implementation.

Despite all of the thought and effort that went into preparing this Plan, the most important step of the planning process is implementation. While the task of implementation falls on all Somers residents, the responsibility for implementing the Plan lies with the Planning Commission and other Town agencies.

The Plan is intended as a guide to be followed in order to enhance the quality of life and the community character of Somers. It is intended to be flexible in terms how specific goals and objectives are reached, provided that the long-term goals of the community are achieved.

During the next few years, many of the higher priority tasks will be completed and hopefully goals will be achieved. Circumstances will inevitably arise that may suggest that it is time to reconsider the Plan or some of its elements. Such situations should be welcomed since it will mean that the Plan is being actively used and considered by residents. By preparing this Plan of Conservation and Development, Somers has taken the first step towards creating a better future for its residents.