

PREFACE



Purpose of the Plan

This Plan of Conservation and Development is a tool for guiding the future of Somers. It is intended to be both:

- visionary, and
- action oriented.

One purpose is to establish a common vision for the community's future by determining a positive future outcome or positive strategies and directions for Somers to go in.

Another purpose is to outline action steps that, when implemented, will help attain that vision.

If steadily implemented by Somers residents and officials, this Plan will help protect important resources, guide appropriate development, address community needs, protect community character, and enhance the quality of life of current and future residents.

This Plan has been prepared to help guide Somers' future conservation and development...

Statutory Reference

Section 8-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that the Planning Commission prepare, adopt, and amend a Plan of Conservation and Development for Somers.





Use and Maintenance of the Plan

This Plan is intended to provide a framework for consistent decision-making by Town boards, commissions, and residents with regard to conservation and development activities.

While generally intended to guide conservation and development over the course of a decade, this Plan will lay the foundation for long-term goals reaching far into the future.

This Plan is intended to be a dynamic document. As strategies are implemented and evaluated, the Plan should be refined to address new issues, adjust a course of action, or refine strategies.

The challenge for the Planning Commission will be to keep the Plan up-to-date and implementation on-course in the face of changing community priorities.

Village of Somers





Preparation of the Plan

A Steering Committee made up of representatives of Town boards and commissions and other Somers residents coordinated the preparation of the Plan.

Somers residents helped guide the overall process through a series of public meetings and workshops. In addition, a random telephone survey was conducted to help the Steering Committee finalize preliminary strategies.

With the assistance of a planning consultant, an inventory and assessment of technical and policy issues was conducted.

Unless otherwise noted, demographic and economic data used in this Plan has been adjusted to discount Somers' correctional facility population. This may result in minor discrepancies between the various charts and tables presented throughout this Plan.

The Steering Committee reviewed and modified the draft Plan before turning it over to the Planning Commission for their review. Before adopting the Plan, the Planning Commission referred the Plan to the Board of Selectmen for its review and comment before holding a public hearing of their own for its adoption.

Village of Somersville



The Planning Process



