

Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan

Draft Goals and Sample Actions

Flowing from the vision statement, the five draft goals identified below will be used to organize the comprehensive plan. These goals will be brought to the public in a spring action-planning workshop scheduled for Saturday May 22, 2010. At its last meeting on April 5, 2010, the steering committee was asked to brainstorm some examples of possible strategies/actions that might be taken to accomplish each goal. The lists below are simply a starting point for people to begin conversations at the action planning workshop. They are only examples and do not represent formal recommendations from the Steering Committee.

Goal 1: Our goal is a healthy natural environment.

1. *Quality and Quantity of Groundwater and Surface Water*
 - a. Protection of backup water supply
 - b. Control land use around aquifer recharge areas and around village water supply
 - c. Watershed and water supply protection
 - d. Emergency pumping station
 - e. Buffers
 - f. Control slopes and erosion
 - g. Rates for extraction
2. *Habitat and Biodiversity*
 - a. Prevent fragmentation of large blocks of forest
 - b. Inform and educate about habitat and biodiversity
3. *Natural Hazards*
 - a. Floods
 - b. Wetlands protection
 - c. Prevent stream channelization
 - d. Lyme disease and tick borne illnesses
 - e. Manage stormwater
4. *Timber*
 - a. Support (working timber) management and harvesting properly
5. *Extractable Non-renewable Natural Resources*
 - a. Sand and gravel
 - b. Topsoil
6. *Soils/Slopes*
 - a. Direct development away from steep slopes
 - b. Minimize/control erosion
 - c. Protect soils, especially prime agricultural soils
7. *Stormwater*
 - a. Groundwater recharge

Goal 2: Our goal is a scenic rural landscape.

1. *Restrict Development To Existing Settled Areas*
2. *Open Lands – Pastoral Setting*
3. *Scenic Roads/Rural Road Standards*
4. *Ridgeline Protection*
5. *Viewshed Protection*
6. *Historic Preservation*

7. *Traditional Architecture*
8. *Ponds*
9. *Beagling and Hunt Club*

Goal 3: Our goal is a high quality of life.

1. *Recreation*
 - a. *Maintain park facilities*
 - b. *Maintain recreation programs*
2. *Support organizations (service and cultural)*
 - a. *Meals on Wheels*
 - b. *Senior Transport*
3. *Maintain The Existing Level Of Municipal Services*
4. *Town Educational Programs*
 - a. *Environmental*
 - b. *agricultural*
5. *Encourage Public Participation*
6. *Safety*
 - a. *Police*
 - b. *Fire*
 - c. *Emergency*
 - d. *Disaster Planning*
7. *Library System*
8. *Telecommunications*

Goal 4: Our goal is working farms.

1. *Prepare Agriculture And Farmland Protection Plan*
2. *Do Not Over-Regulate Farming*
3. *Control Impacts Of Land Use Around Farms*
4. *Encourage A Diversity Of Farm Businesses*
 - a. *Farm stands*
 - b. *Honey bees*
 - c. *Retail businesses on farms*
5. *Ensure Agriculture And Markets Laws Are Met*
6. *Subsistence Farming*
7. *Prime Agricultural Soil Protection*
8. *All Ordinances Should Evaluate Impact On Agriculture*

Goal 5: Our goal is a vibrant village of Millbrook and hamlet of Mabbetsville.

1. *Close cooperation with Village of Millbrook*
2. *Focusing/steering business development to the Village and hamlet of Mabbetsville*
3. *Minimize new business competition with the Village*
4. *Home occupations*
5. *Encourage businesses that are compatible uses, character, scale, and size with traditional community character*
6. *Should new business areas be allowed?*