

PLAN OVERVIEW

This plan is developed and organized around three main themes:

- Conservation,
- Development, and
- Infrastructure.

Conservation

As part of the process of developing this plan, the community first identified areas that required conservation efforts, to make sure that these areas are properly protected, preserved or managed in the future.

Development

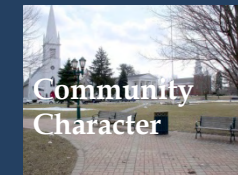
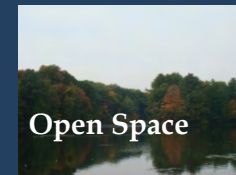
It is important that the community understand where housing and commercial development is likely to occur and to encourage the types of development that are appropriate.

Branford engaged in an economic development study while this plan was being prepared and a number of the recommendations from that study have been incorporated into this plan.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure elements include community facilities, transportation, and utilities (e.g. water, sewer, gas). Branford will provide direction as to how development will occur, as these tools can allow for a more intense use of the land.

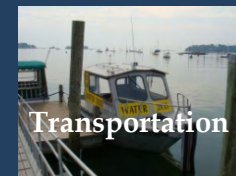
CONSERVATION TOPICS



DEVELOPMENT TOPICS



INFRASTRUCTURE TOPICS



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Strategy Classes

Strategies in this Plan are broken into:

- Key strategies,
- Secondary strategies, and
- Emerging issues.

Key Strategies include issues that Branford should work to implement during the early years of plan implementation.

Secondary Strategies include issues that are important to the community, but may require additional analysis, study or consideration before implementation occurs. Also, these strategies do not have a sense of immediacy in implementation.

Emerging Issues are issues that are not currently identified as problems in Branford, but that the community should be paying attention to them, so Branford can develop appropriate solutions should the need arise.

	CONSERVATION THEME		
	Natural Resources	Open Space	Community Character
GOAL	Minimize impact on natural resources from human activities	Create an open space system that enhances the quality of life in Branford	Enhance elements that create a “sense of place” in Branford
KEY STRATEGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect water quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement the 2005 Open Space Plan • Create greenway linkages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand design review
SECONDARY STRATEGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect biologic resources • Utilize green energy • Continue to be a leader in addressing light pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve open space acquisition tools • Create an easement inventory • Manage town open space • Protect privately “managed” open space • Enhance coastal access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect historic resources • Promote farm viability • Protect undeveloped land • Protect scenic views and roads • Improve signage
EMERGING ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for sea level rise • Protect air quality 		

	DEVELOPMENT THEME			INFRASTRUCTURE THEME		
	Community Structure	Residential Development	Business Development	Community Facilities	Transportation	Utility Infrastructure
GOAL	Enhance the structural elements that make Branford a strong community	Provide for a variety of housing choices within the community	Provide for businesses and services that meet community needs	Provide facilities to meet community needs	Provide a diverse, safe and efficient transportation network that meets the needs of the community	Provide, and maintain, adequate utilities to meet community needs
KEY STRATEGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the Town Center Enhance Gateways at key points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for housing opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify “ideal” business mix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Public Works and Fire Station projects Implement the Town Green Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide traffic calming Promote access management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address stormwater management Address flooding
SECONDARY STRATEGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider transit-oriented development Protect and enhance the villages Create new nodes Enhance development along Route 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate undersized lots and update zoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage “green” business development Provide tax incentives Create a façade improvement program Improve Town/business Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for senior needs Create “green” municipal facilities Create management plans for municipal facilities Address municipal meeting space needs Address other facility needs Address recreation needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create transit linkages Expand bicycle and pedestrian facilities Improve parking in the Town Center Support exit 53 interchange improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain existing infrastructure Monitor private septic systems
EMERGING ISSUES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create “green” neighborhoods Monitor changes in housing construction 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor school enrollment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor fuel costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor regional utilities

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