

L – IMPLEMENTATION

L-3.0 Implementation Program

L-3.1 2005 Action Table

The following Action Table serves as an implementation tool for the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Update's recommendations. The Action Table outlines the responsible party, cost, funding source, and timeframe for each recommendation. Implementation timeframes are slated to begin upon the Plan's adoption, unless otherwise noted.

Following the current Action Table, is a section that lists those items that were included in the 1992 Plan but have since the Plan's adoption been completed, or for various reasons are no longer relevant. Tasks that were not completed, or are ongoing are included in the current Action Table.

The following acronyms are used in the Action Table:

AHC	Affordable Housing Committee	LIHTC	Low Income Housing Tax Credits
BRV	Blackstone River Valley Nat'l Heritage Corridor Comm.	NOP	Neighborhood Opportunities Program
BD	Building Department	NP	Non-Profit Developers
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	NRICD	Northern RI Conservation District
CoC	Chamber of Commerce	PB	Planning Board
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	PD	Planning Department
CC	Conservation Commission	RD	Recreation Department
DEM	Department of Environmental Management	RIH	Rhode Island Housing
DPW	Department of Public Works	RIPTA	RI Public Transportation Authority
DOT	Department of Transportation	SD	School Department
FD	Fire Department	SC	Sewer Commission
FP	For-Profit Developers	TA	Town Administrator
HDC	Historic District Commission	TC	Town Council
HPC	Historical Preservation Commission	TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
HOME	HOME funds administered by RI Housing	TF	Trust Fund (a local affordable housing fund)
HUD	Housing and Urban Development (US Dept)	W&S	Water and Sewer Division of DPW
ISDS	Individual Septic Disposal Systems	WA	Water Authority
IDC	Industrial Development Commission	WSA	Watershed Association (RI Rivers Council designated)
	Also: "TBD" refers to "To Be Determined"	WGMP	Woonasquatucket Greenspace Mapping Project

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
D - LAND USE ELEMENT					
1. Ensure That The Density And Design Of Residential Development Will Respect The Existing Natural And Man-Made Environment And The Capacity Of Public Facilities					
Concentrate urban single family housing at densities of two dwelling units per acre in areas currently being served by public sewer systems.	TC, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	In place, ongoing	
Concentrate suburban single family housing at densities of one dwelling unit per acre in areas currently served by public sewer systems.	TC, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	In place, ongoing	
Allow rural single family housing at densities ranging from one dwelling unit per one and one-half acres to one dwelling unit per three acres which will not be served by sewers.	TC, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	In place, ongoing	
Insist upon DEM vigilance in its approval of ISDS in areas where sewer services will not be extended.	PB, BO	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing	
Adopt flexible land use controls that encourage creative land planning concepts such as conservation development design, encourage the preservation of open space, significant natural features and resources, rare or endangered species or habitat, historical structures and features and significant cultural features and other sensitive areas not otherwise protected by local, state, and federal law, based on but not limited to the priorities as set forth in the WGMP.	TC, PB, PD	\$10,000	DEM	Initiated with DEM – Cons. Dev.	
In the review of subdivisions, elements such as streets and lots shall be designed so as to preserve natural features such as prominent trees, rock outcroppings, natural land form and topography.	PB, PD	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing	
Use conservation development design to locate houses and streets on the least productive farmland or on the <i>least</i> significant woodland habitat and locate septic sewage systems on soils best suited for that purpose.	PB, developers	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing	
Amend other development regulations to specifically and effectively protect historic and cultural features, scenic viewsheds and restore degraded landscapes.	PB, PD	\$1,000	CIP	Year 1	
Require an expanded Vicinity/Context Map as a checklist item for all subdivision and land development applications.	PB, PD	Project dependent	FP, NP	Ongoing	
Consider adding a new section to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Development and Subdivision Regulations requiring new subdivision lots to have minimum contiguous buildable areas free of wetlands, steep slopes, utility easements etc.	PB, PD	\$1,000	CIP	Year 1	

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Institute growth management controls as recommended in the pending update of the 2002 Growth Management Program. Controls such as building permit caps and impact fees should be considered.		TC, PB, PD	\$20,000	CIP	Initiated
2. Promote "Smart Development" By Directing Medium To High Density Housing To Areas In Or Immediately Adjacent To Established Villages					
Concentrate urban multifamily housing at densities of up to four dwelling units per acre in areas currently being served by public water and public sewer systems. This could be accomplished by providing a density bonus of two additional units per acre, where one of the additional units is subsidized for low and moderate income residents in accordance with the requirements of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act and the other is dedicated for persons 55 years of age or older.		TC, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	In place, ongoing
Ensure that adequate delineated pedestrian links to village centers are made between proposed medium and high-density developments and existing commercial, recreational and town facilities.		PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
3. Preserve The Natural And Cultural Character Of The Town's Neighborhoods And Villages					
In the review of subdivisions, site plans, Special Use Permits and other development applications, Town boards shall give attention to preserving and/or improving the natural, topographic, cultural and historic characteristics which give local neighborhoods and villages their unique identity. This shall apply to projects in one neighborhood which could affect another, or even out-of-town projects which could have an impact on the living amenities of a particular area.		PB, ZB, HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Identify and rank key parcels for acquisition or protection based on criteria such as but not limited to: size, adjacent protected parcels, significant natural resources, rare or endangered species or habitat, significant cultural features, development potential etc, based on but not limited to the priorities as set in the WGMP.		CC, PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1-2
Relate all Comprehensive Plan proposals for recreation, conservation, public facilities, circulation and historic preservation to the enhancement of the Town's living environment.		TC, PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Establish a Development Plan Review section within the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations that incorporates design review <i>standards for industrial, commercial and multi-family housing</i> based on sound site planning principals and best management practices and that incorporates the principals of village enhancement found in the <i>Slatersville Area Plan</i> .		PB, PD	No Add'l Costs	N/A	Initiated

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Allow for differing road widths based on AASHTO defined road categories and build-out potential of the area.		PD, PB Rescue/ Fire, DPW	\$3,000	CIP	Year 2-3
Review all state/municipal infrastructure improvements and projects for compliance with all comprehensive plan goals and policies. Recommend design and material enhancements that best reflect the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, as amended.		PD	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing
Require sidewalk design that includes a tree lawn separating sidewalks from roadways and including the planting of shade trees where practical.		PD, PB	\$1,000	CIP	Year 1
Adopt a commercial and industrial lighting ordinance as part of the Development Plan Review Regulations.		Consultant to review	\$3,000	CIP	Initiated
Adopt a noise ordinance.		TC, BD, PD, CC Solicitor	\$3,000	CIP	Year 2-3
Consider Slatersville and the Branch Village area for designation as "Growth Centers".		PB, PD	No Direct Cost	N/A	Year 2-3
Adopt an ordinance that ensures water quality is tested before and after blasting, using groundwater quality standards and preventive action limits as set by DEM or other applicable regulations.		TC, CC, PB, PD	No Direct Cost	N/A	Year 2-3
4. Prevent Incompatible Non-Residential Uses In Residential Neighborhoods					
All zone changes hereinafter proposed shall be in accordance with the recommendations of this Comprehensive Plan as it may be amended from time to time. A residential area change to a non-residential use shall be supported by findings that the use will be compatible with and supportive of the surrounding neighborhood.		TC	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing
5. Encourage The Development And Retention Of Light Industry, Office And Related Commercial Development Which Will Provide Skilled Job Opportunities And Expand The Tax Base					
Manufacturing is to be continued in the following areas: North Smithfield Industrial Drive; Great Road at Branch River; Canal Street; Stamina Mill site in Forestdale.		TC, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	In place, ongoing
6. Encourage Campus-Type Mixed Use, Light Industrial Or Research And Development Activities In Areas Accessible To Major Roadways And Served By Sewer And Water Services					

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Develop a mixed use ordinance that will allow the conversion of the Slatersville Mill complex, the Blackstone Smithfield Industrial Park (former Tupperware Mill), and the Branch River Industrial complex to mixed use including light industry, offices, housing, public and semi-public and other compatible activities.		TC, PB, PD	No Add'l Costs	N/A	Initiated
Consider the development of office, commercial, light industrial and/or research and development activities in the Quaker Highway/Central Street area and on North Smithfield Industrial Highway.		TC, PB	No Add'l Costs	CIP	Year 1
Develop size limits for retail structures that discourage "Big Box" retail development.					
Create a mixed-use office/commercial area that could include medical services, research and development activities, office space and limited retail of up to 40% of the built structures on the east side of Eddie Dowling Highway between the Landmark Medical/Fogarty Unit and Booth Pond.		TC, PB	No Add'l Costs	N/A	Initiated
The Town should <i>actively promote</i> the reuse of the Slatersville Mill complex.		TA, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	In place, ongoing
Work with the RIEDC to coordinate and take advantage of regional development needs for such commercial and/or industrial development.		IDC, TC, PD	No Direct Cost	N/A	Year 1
7. Encourage Growth Of Appropriately Scaled Retail And Commercial Development Necessary To Serve Neighborhood And Town Needs					
Develop an ordinance for a "Planned Village District" that would allow for limited expansion of retail and commercial space to serve local neighborhood and Town needs and that forwards the concept of Heritage Economics.		TC, PB	\$2,000	CIP	Year 1
Carefully evaluate retail and commercial options which may be available when designs are considered for the intersection at Sayles Hill Road and Route 146.		PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	Depends on DOT timing
Discourage strip-type development along any road in the community - - particularly Route 146A and Victory Highway/ Route 102 which will experience growing travel delays during peak hours.		TC, PB	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing
Create an Agricultural Business district that encourages the continuation of farming and agricultural operations with limited onsite retail sales of certain farm and farm-related products.		TC, PB	\$3,000	CIP	Year 1-2
Develop size limits for retail structures that discourage "Big Box" retail development.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Cost	N/A	Year 1

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E - HOUSING ELEMENT					
1. Strengthen Partnerships and Build Community Support for Affordable Housing					
Create a North Smithfield Affordable Housing Committee.		TC, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Within 6 months
Work with WNDC and other non-profit organizations and for profit developers to develop affordable housing in North Smithfield.		AHC, NP, FP	\$50,000-100,000 per unit	State & Federal funds	Ongoing
Collaborate with RIH to create a Section 8 Affordable Homeownership Program.		RIH, PD, TC, AHC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
2. Revise the Zoning Ordinance to Promote Affordable Housing					
Rezoning the areas of RS-40 which are served by public water and sewer.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Mandate Inclusionary Zoning for all proposed developments greater than six units.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Mandate Inclusionary Zoning in the Town's Land Development Project ordinance.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Allow duplexes by right in the RS-40 and RU-20 districts when deed restricted to ensure long term affordability.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Allow multi-family buildings by right in the RU-20 districts where public water and sewer service are available.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Explore the feasibility of creating a Transfer of Development rights program for affordable housing development.		PD, PB, AHC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1

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3. Identify Programs and Potential Locations for Affordable Housing Development					
Target housing in North Smithfield's villages for scattered rehabilitation into affordable housing.		PD, AHC, TC, FP, NP	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Mandate a minimum of 10% affordable housing in proposed Mill Rehabilitation projects.		PD, AHC, TC, FP, NP	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Monitor North Smithfield's underutilized mill buildings for redevelopment into affordable housing.		PD, AHC, FP, NP, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Encourage affordable housing development as part of the current proposed mixed use development on Eddie Dowling Highway.		PD, AHC, FP, NP, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Work with and encourage local religious institutions to develop affordable housing on their properties.		PD, AHC, NP	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Work with WNDG and other affordable housing developers to develop affordable housing on Town owned property		AHC, PD, PB, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
4. Identify Existing and New Resources for Affordable Housing Development					
Establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.		TC	No Direct Cost	HOME, RIH, CDBG, other	Year 1
Actively pursue the creation of local historic districts around North Smithfield's mills and mill villages.		AHC, PB, PB, TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Maximize Existing Federal and State Funding Resources for Affordable Housing Development.		NP, FP	No Direct Costs	All	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Continue and expand the Town's home repair and home maintenance grant and loan programs.		PD, CDBG Admin.	Up to \$30,000 per unit	CDBG	Ongoing
Create homebuyer education, closing costs, and downpayment assistance programs.		AHC, CDBG	\$0 - \$7,500 per unit	CDBG	Ongoing
5. Implement Programs Which Ensure the Long Term Affordability of North Smithfield's Rental Housing					
Use the WNDC land trust to ensure long term affordability of homeownership units.		AHC, WNDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Create a monitoring program for deed restricted affordable rental units.		AHC, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Implement programs which ensure the preservation of historic homes and minimum code compliance.		PD, HDC, BD	No Direct Costs	CDBG	Ongoing

F - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

1. Establish The Local Capacity To Effectively Define And Manage A Comprehensive Economic Development Program				
Undertake a local economic development strategic planning initiative to define a community economic vision and strategies to achieve this vision.	TA, TA, IDC	\$15,000	CoC	Year 1-2
Develop ongoing working partnerships with various regional and state economic development entities including the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, CoC, New England Economic Development Services and the Economic Development Foundation of Rhode Island and all other regional and statewide entities with human and financial resources to assist the Town.	TA, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Establish appropriate means to communicate periodically with community stakeholders regarding internal and external economic development threats and opportunities, as well as, progress in respect to the	TA, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

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implementation of the economic development strategic plan.					
Reconstitute the North Smithfield IDC as the North Smithfield Economic Development Commission and empower the Commission to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the economic development strategic plan.	TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 2	

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2. Foster Reinvestment/Investment In Business Development Opportunity Areas To Offer A Diversity Of Quality Location Opportunities For Business Retention And Expansion.					
Develop a strategic infrastructure investment program targeted to high priority business development opportunity areas.		TA, CoC	Part of Strategic Plan	N/A	Year 1 - 2
Develop local quality land-use and design policies and standards as a basis for communicating and negotiating with prospective investors.		TA, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
The Town should consider developing a good business practices program to encourage the significant redevelopment and/or development of industrial, commercial and mixed-use properties that reflect high quality land use and design policies and standards.		TC, Solicitor	\$3,000	CIP	Year 3
Aggressively pursue State and/or Federal grant funds for economic development.		PD, IDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Initiate a business retention strategy involving periodic contact between the NS EDC members and Town employers to determine nature of any Town-related problems or needs.		IDC, TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Prepare development/redevelopment visions for the Town's existing commercial areas. Based on these visions, prepare strategies to enhance the visual and economic quality of these areas.		PD	TBD - per area	CoC, BRV	Ongoing
Revise zoning regulations and districts as proposed in the Land Use Plan Element; consider special provisions for adaptive reuse of older mill structures.		See similar task in Land Use Element			
Review the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to industrial and commercial zoned areas and investigate the feasibility of implementing greater use flexibility in these zones along with design standards.		See similar task in Land Use Element			
Based on access, proximity to infrastructure, topographical and environmental constraints, assess the realistic development potential of existing industrial zoned parcels and those parcels previously identified in the North Smithfield Industrial Site Survey. Based on the results of this assessment, amend zoning map to accurately reflect appropriate use for those parcels.		PD, CoC, IDC	\$10,000	IDC, CoC	Year 3

POLICIES AND ACTIONS				
3. Encourage Other Forms Of Economic Development Which Will Provide Job Opportunities, Tax Base Support And Increased Revenues For Local Businesses				
Provide opportunities for mixed use development including compatible office parks, light industry and multifamily housing. Encourage historic area rehabilitation programs which will generate revenues for local tradesmen. Utilize the concept of Heritage Economics when considering an economic development strategy for revitalization of the villages. Support the community's agricultural based businesses by providing technical assistance for available grants for purchase of development rights and investigate tax incentives for landowners who maintain active agricultural pursuits. Establish a Development Plan Review section within the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations that incorporates design review standards based on sound site planning principals and best management practices and that incorporates the principals of village enhancement found in the <i>Slatersville Area Plan</i>. As part of the <i>Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor</i> and the related <i>Regional Comprehensive Tourism Planning Component</i> prepared by the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council Inc. support historic preservation and regional recreational development activities which will enhance the area as a tourist destination. Limit retail and commercial expansion to areas where traffic congestion, noise and light will not impact unfavorably on local businesses or residences.	Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
	See similar task in Land Use Element			
	HDC	TBD	HPC, BRV	Ongoing
	TC, CoC	Part of Strategic Plan	N/A	Ongoing
	PD, CC	TBD	CoC	Ongoing
See similar task in Land Use Element				
	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
	PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
G - NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT					
1. Protect Prime Groundwater Aquifers And Recharge Areas From Potential Environmental Damage					
Strengthen existing groundwater overlay protection regulations and revise the overlay district map to include all the protection zones listed including surface water supply basins.	PD, PB, TC	\$5,000	DEM	Year 1	
Establish Wastewater Management districts to preclude potential environmental degradation from failing septic systems in areas over principal groundwater reservoirs and recharge areas.	PD, PB, TC	TBD by DEM	DEM/ user charges	Year 3	
Extend sewers as specified in the Wastewater Facilities Plan and investigate alternatives such as packaged wastewater treatment facilities to those developed areas impacting groundwater resources.	W&S, DPW	Depends on Segment	User charge	Years 1-5	
Amend the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to strengthen non-point source pollution standards with emphasis on protection of areas over principal groundwater reservoirs or recharge areas or within reservoir drainage areas, in accordance with the Town's Phase II Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).	PD, PB	\$6,000	DEM	Begin Year 1	
Strengthen the Town's Soil and Earth Removal Ordinance to protect ground and surface water resources from sand and gravel removal operations.	PD, TC,PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 2	
Insist that the DEM to adopt more stringent regulations for underground storage tank installation, maintenance and testing in critical aquifer and watershed protection areas.	TA,PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Encourage the use of properly designed and maintained ISDS especially in areas with highly permeable soils (generally associated with groundwater reservoirs); encourage DEM to remain vigilant in making sure that necessary ISDS maintenance contracts remain in place.	BD,PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Request quarterly reports from RIDEM to the Town's Environmental Advocate regarding the monitoring program and remedial action being taken with respect to the EPA Superfund sites in the vicinity of the Slatersville Aquifer.	PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Develop an ordinance requiring testing for volatile organic compounds (VOC's) prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy.	CC, PB, BD, PD, TC	No Direct Cost	N/A	Year 2-3	

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Ensure that the timing of peak flows from new development is handled to minimize down stream flooding especially in flood prone watersheds such as Cherry Brook.		PB, PD, CC,	No Direct Cost	N/A	Ongoing
Work with the Conservation District and RIDEM to identify solutions to minimize seasonal flooding along Cherry Brook.		PD, CC, TA	No Direct Cost	N/A	Initiated
2. Protect The Town's Surface Water Resources With Emphasis On The Watersheds Of The Slatersville And Woonsocket Reservoirs					
Maintain strong enforcement of various regulations within reservoir drainage areas under the presumption that the Slatersville Reservoir is being preserved as an alternate source of potable water.		TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Adopt a stormwater management ordinance in accordance with the Phase II SWMP to protect against flooding, encourage groundwater recharge and protect water quality of all surface waters through employment of Best Management Practices.		PD, TC	\$3,000	CIP	Year 1
Adopt flexible zoning measures such as conservation development design, which will allow the retention of natural vegetation, buffer areas adjacent to streams, wetlands and provide for opportunities to preserve large tracts of open space.		PD, PB, TC	\$3,000	CIP	Year 2
Encourage the Town of Burrillville to consider land use and development impacts relating to downstream areas such as the Slatersville Reservoir.		TC, TA, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Implement a revised Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.		BD, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 2
Work cooperatively with the City of Woonsocket as part of a Regional Watershed Protection Committee concerned about Reservoirs # 1 and # 3 and Crookfall Brook; as applicable, strengthen zoning, subdivision and related development regulations and alter municipal operating procedures which adversely impact the watershed.		TC, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Establish Wastewater Management Districts to preclude pollution from individual sewage disposal systems; incorporate household hazardous waste education and control as part of the program.		TC, W&S, DPW	TBD by DEM	DEM/ user charges	Year 3
Rezone watershed and recharge areas of Woonsocket Reservoir #1 & #3 to REA 120 to protect water quality.		TC, PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1

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Coordinate the Town's open space and conservation planning efforts, with program priority given to increasing land holdings in the Woonsocket Reservoir system watershed in North Smithfield.		Land Trust, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Develop regulations that prevent the clear cutting of properties that are in the formal process of being reviewed as a Subdivision or Land Development; clearing should occur only as identified on a Planning Board approved Plan		PB, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
3. Adopt And Implement Action Programs To Protect Natural Resources And Conservation Areas Through Acquisition, Conservation Easements And Other Measures					
Maintain strong enforcement of existing and, when adopted, proposed regulations such as zoning, subdivision and land development, erosion and sediment control, soil and earth removal, stormwater management, conservation development design and Development Plan Review (site plan review).		BD, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Development regulations shall provide appropriate controls and review procedures in relationship to critical conservation and natural resource considerations such as wetland protection, woodland preservation, scenic area enhancement, Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program habitat preservation and agricultural land preservation.		PD, PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Identify and rank key parcels for acquisition or protection based on criteria such as but not limited to: size, adjacent protected parcels, significant natural resources, rare or endangered species or habitat, significant cultural features, development potential etc. as prioritized in the WGMP.		Land Trust, CC, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1-3
Require the submission of an "Existing Resources/Site Analysis Map" as part of the Master Plan review stage.		PB, PD	DEM grant	DEM-funded	Year 1 – in process
Acquire and otherwise protect key parcels that meet criteria for protection.		TC	Parcel-dependent	DEM/CIP match	Ongoing
Ensure that the timing of peak flows from new development is handled to minimize down stream flooding especially in flood prone watersheds such as Cherry Brook.		PD, PB,	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1 – in process
Work with the Conservation District and RIDEM to identify solutions to minimize seasonal flooding along Cherry Brook.		PD, DPW, CC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1 – in process

4. Adopt and Implement the Phase II Stormwater Management Plan In Accordance With Rhode Island's Pollution Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) General Permit					
Develop a litter and pet waste clean-up program that may utilize ordinances, fines, pamphlets, signage and newspaper articles to inform the public about the impacts of improper litter and pet waste disposal.	PD, DPW	\$1,000	NRIC D grant	Year 1	
Continue to promote Earthday cleanup and consider adding a fall cleanup.	CC, DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Annually	
Adopt an ordinance that prohibits illicit discharge to wetlands and waterbodies.	PD, TC/ Solicitor	WSA Grant	WSA	Year 2	
Develop a plan to detect illicit discharges.	PD/ DPW	\$1,500	WSA	Year 2	
Continue practice of cleaning and inspecting catch basins at least twice a year and detention and retention basins once a year. Consider provisions that would require private landowners to conduct periodic inspection and cleaning of catch basins and other stormwater structures.	DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Amend Land Development and Subdivision Regulations to include implementation of erosion, sediment and waste controls in accordance with the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook and local Ordinance.	PD, PB, Solicitor	\$1,500	CIP	Year 2	
Adopt Development Plan Review (site plan review) regulations that include a site inspection procedure for sites with greater than one acre of disturbance.	PD, PB	\$1,500	CIP	Year 1	
Continue training municipal employees about spill prevention and reduction of stormwater pollution.	DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Annually	
Hold an annual meeting to inform the public about existing and proposed stormwater pollution prevention programs and consider other means of informing the public regarding this issue.	DPW, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Annually	
Continue the practice of sweeping streets a minimum of once a year.	DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
5. Protect Prime Farmland And Farmlands Of Statewide Importance With Emphasis In Those Areas Actively Used For Farming					
Encourage active farms to take advantage of the reduced property assessments when participating in the Farm, Forest and Open Space Act.	Tax Assessor	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Use "conservation development design" regulations to preserve prime farmland as part of the open space requirement.	PD, PB	No Direct Costs, once	N/A	Ongoing, once	

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Encourage the State to continue the purchase of farm development rights and encourage owners to apply to the program.	PD, TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Where possible, coordinate the conservation programs of the Open Space and Recreation Element with agricultural land preservation.	TC, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

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	Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Support the community's agricultural based businesses by providing technical assistance for available grants and investigate tax incentives for landowners that maintain active agricultural pursuits.	Tax Assessor, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
6. Increase The Awareness Among North Smithfield Residents Of The Value Of Their Own Natural And Cultural Resources				
Broaden the range of values attributed to North Smithfield's cultural resources so as to include not only historic and aesthetic values but also values relating to housing, recreation and economic opportunity.	HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Create a public information campaign to increase awareness, which involves a series of efforts over several years.	HDC	\$5,000	BRV Grant	Year 2-3
Link educational activities to other local and regional programs such as those of local schools, the BRV, the WSA and the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc.	HDC, BRV	\$2,000	BRV grant	Ongoing
Utilize the mapping resources generated from the WGP and make them accessible to the public.	PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Make copies of the following documents available to the public at various locations and on the Town's website: <i>Images of America -North Smithfield</i> , North Smithfield Heritage Society and the <i>Historic and Architectural Resources of North Smithfield, Rhode Island: A Preliminary Report</i> , Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission.	PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 2
Make the Comprehensive Plan accessible through the Town's web site.	PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 2
Prepare an inventory of scenic roads and consider adoption of a scenic road ordinance.	CC	\$3,000	NRICD grant	Year 2
7. Protect The Cultural Resources From Physical Change Inappropriate To Their Character				
Analyze the elements of North Smithfield's landscapes and built environment which comprise its cultural/natural resource legacy.	HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Protect archaeological resources as part of the development application review process and work in collaboration with groups of Native American heritage who are interested in the preservation of their Tribal cultural resources.		HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Reach consensus, among local people, as to what aspects of local landscapes and built environments are most significant.		HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Emphasize a flexible strategy aimed at protecting a range of cultural assets, including, but not limited to, historic structures.		HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Adopt a range of land use controls in the Zoning Ordinance to supplement the Historic Area Zoning where necessary.		PD, TC	Part of ZO Revisions	CIP	Year 2
Emphasize the protection of corridors rather than individual properties and sites.		PD, CC, PB, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
8. Encourage Appropriate Rehabilitation Or Adaptive Reuse For Buildings And Areas As A Protective Measure					
Be pro-active relative to the reuse of underutilized, significant privately owned buildings.		PD, BD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Target rehabilitation efforts to home improvement programs in efforts to protect existing affordable housing.		PD, BD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
9. Integrate Overall Planning And Development With Programs For The Revitalization Of The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor					
Link, wherever possible, cultural resource protective actions to other compatible improvement efforts in the Town and Blackstone Valley Region.		PD, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Use Federal funds for targeted areas where historic home rehabilitation coincides with other community development activities.		PD, BD	\$15,000 annually	CDBG	Ongoing
Utilize DOT Enhancement funds to develop an interpretive/recreation park at the Mammoth Mill site.		BRV	\$20,000 design	DOT	Year 2
10. Preserve And Protect The Historic Village Of Slatersville					
Preserve Slatersville historic components		PD, TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Ensure the mill's economic viability and reintegration into the Village by allowing mixed uses and innovative ways that combine thoughtful, modern redevelopment with the sensitive preservation of the area's historic elements.		PD, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	ZO Revision process in progress
Use Slatersville as a model for future historic preservation activities in Town.		HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
H – SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENT					
1. Provide Facilities Necessary To Educate Students Who Will Be Competitive In The State, National And World Economy					
Maintain existing schools to serve educational needs.		SD	Between \$150 and \$200K annually	CIP	Annual
Consider additional school facilities.		TC	Phase I \$30 million	Bond	Year 1-3
Continue to monitor building permit and other conditions impacting school enrollment trends.		SD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Coordinate use and improvement of school playground and sports facilities with the Town's recreational plans and programs.		SD, RD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
2. Organize Public Buildings In A Manner Which Will Allow The Most Efficient Delivery Of Public Services					
Conduct detailed needs assessment of municipal administration space needs.		TA	\$3,000	CIP	Year 1
Evaluate options for a new Town Hall that will house all the administrative functions, Meeting hall space and possibly the library at one facility.		TA	\$15,000	CIP	Year 1

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POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Continue operating the Public Works Garage at the present location with expansion as necessary.		DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Investigate a possible relocation of the Police and Emergency Operations Center to a more central location.		TA	\$3,000	CIP	Ongoing
Continue to pursue the municipalization of the North Smithfield Fire and Rescue Service.		TC, FD	Under discussion	CIP/ Fire Tax Revenue	Initiated
Evaluate options to provide better fire protection to the southeast section of Town.		FD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
3. Expand Sewer And Water Services As Necessary To Meet Community Needs, Protect Natural Resources And To Support Economic Development Activities					
Ensure that there is dialogue between the Town Council, Sewer Commission and the Planning Board regarding land use impacts of expanding infrastructure into new service areas.		TC, WA, SC, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Coordinate with neighboring communities to achieve the mandated emergency water system interconnect.		TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Continue discussions with neighboring communities regarding the development of a regional water system to ensure existing and future customers have a safe, reliable supply of water.		WA, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Carry out phased program to enhance system redundancy including development of additional water supply wells, pump stations, water storage facilities and fire hydrants in community water system areas and expand system with emphasis on economic development priorities residential areas with the greatest needs.		WA	\$2.7 M	Bond Funds	Ongoing
Update the long range Wastewater Facilities Plan for extending sewer services with emphasis on economic development priorities, areas with onsite system failures, and meeting local affordable housing needs.		TC, SC	\$85,000	Bond Funds, SRF	Year 2-3
4. Formulate Wastewater Management Program For Areas Served By Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems					
Establish Wastewater Management Districts in appropriate locations to prevent water pollution and to preclude the need for more expensive sewer services.		W&S, SC	TBD by DEM	DEM/ user charges	Year 3

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
5. Consider Regionalization Options For Public Services					
Consider the benefits of regional versus local programs where there are cost reduction and service delivery benefits to be gained by the Town of North Smithfield.		TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
6. Implement Measures Of The Phase II Stormwater Program Pertaining To Drainage Facilities And Roads					
Continue practice of cleaning and inspecting catch basins at least twice a year.		DPW	No Add'l Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Continue the practice of sweeping streets a minimum of once a year.		DPW	No Add'l Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Implement the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan at the Public Works Garage and provide necessary data for monitoring reports.		DPW	Dept budget	Dept budget	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
I - OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION ELEMENT					
1. Provide A Variety Of Active And Passive Recreational Facilities Serving Town Residents And Visitors					
Increase land area of active recreation areas to meet present and future deficiencies.		TC	Parcel-dependent	DEM grant/CIP match	Ongoing
Implement Phase I and II of the proposed Pacheco Park expansion including construction of a Little League field, multi-purpose field and one Tee-ball field, three tennis courts, walking trail, parking and new access road.		RD	\$300K	DEM grant (match)	Year 1-3
Continue to seek funding for acquisition of key parcels of land and for the development of a walking trail in Slatersville linking Pacheco Park, Slatersville Reservoir and Library Island Park and explore the possibility of linking this trail to the Blackstone River Bikeway.		RD	Parcel-dependent	DEM grant/CIP match	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Consider acquiring the Stamina Mills site and other parcels along the Branch River for development of a riverside park, bikeway and or walking trail.		TC	Appraised Value	DEM, CIP, BRV	Year 1
As part of subdivision and land development approval, continue the option of requiring dedication of land for recreational and open space purposes as appropriate and establish the necessary formulas to institute a fee in-lieu of dedication option.		PD, PB	\$1,500	CIP	Year 1
Adopt flexible zoning such as Conservation Development Design to add to recreational and conservation resources.		PD, PB	DEM-funded	DEM-grant	initiated
Work in collaboration with Federal and State authorities in implementing the Woonasquatucket Bikeway, and completing the Blackstone River Bikeway.		PD, RD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Coordinate local historic rehabilitation efforts with recreational planning as a component of the <i>Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan</i> for the Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor.		HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Work with the Town of Blackstone, Massachusetts to improve the visual appearance of the entrance to the Paul S. Kelly Recreation Complex.		PD, RD, BRV	\$10,000	BRV grant	Year 2
Work with the Heritage Corridor, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, the RI & MA Department's of Transportation and the other partners to develop the river access facility at the Paul S. Kelly Recreation Complex.		PD, RD, BRV	\$300,000	DOT TIP funded	Year 1-2
Utilize a DOT Enhancement grant to develop an interpretive park at the recently acquired Mammoth Mill site.		PD, RD, BRV	\$300,000 construct	DOT TIP funded	Year 1-2
Develop Trails/Greenway Plan connecting conservation and recreation areas.		RD, BRV	\$5,000	BRV/CIP match	Year 4-5
Coordinate Town and school recreational facilities planning.		RD, SD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Require open space and recreational planning as part of proposed Mixed Use zoning districts.		PD, TC	See PD Dept budget	CIP	Initiated
Develop a definition to clarify uses which are appropriate for lands designated for open space, recreation or conservation.		PD, PB,TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

POLICIES AND ACTIONS				
	Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
2. Adopt And Implement Action Programs Necessary To Protect Natural Resource And Conservation Areas				
Identify and rank key parcels for acquisition or protection based on criteria such as but not limited to: size, adjacent protected parcels, significant natural resources, rare or endangered species or habitat, significant cultural features, development potential and based on the priorities as set forth in the Woonasquatucket Greenspace Project maps D-3-D-5.	PD, , PB, CC, Land Trust	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1-2
Continue to work with the Land Trust and other organizations for the purpose of acquiring conservation areas and conservation easements and/or receiving same as donations.	TC, Land Trust	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Utilize State and/or Federal funds and expertise in the conservation of open space and natural resources.	PD, RD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Create overlay zoning district requiring special review considerations in critical areas such as the Branch River Valley.	PD, PB	\$5,000	WSA grant/CIP	Year 5
Cooperate with the City of Woonsocket in the implementation of its <i>Water Quality Protection Plan</i> for the City's watershed and reservoir properties in North Smithfield.	W&S, DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Utilize a variety of techniques to preserve open space and conservation areas with an emphasis on viable alternatives to fee simple acquisition without State and Federal aid.	PD, PB, TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Introduce a local open space acquisition bond question for voter approval.	TA, PD, CC, RC, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1-2
POLICIES AND ACTIONS				
J - CIRCULATION ELEMENT				
1. Continue Improvement Of Street System Through Selective Roadway Alignments, Widenings And Intersection Improvements				
Use combinations of local, State and Federal funds to make intersection improvements, undertake a pavement management program and implement the State's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	DPW	\$25,000	DOT	Year 4

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Seek DOT Enhancement funds to conduct highway beautification projects, increase pedestrian access, village revitalization and intermodal transportation projects.		DPW, PD	Project-specific	DOT	Year 1-5
Revise Subdivision and Land Development Regulations standards as they apply to local street widths.		PD,PB	\$2,000	CIP	Year 1
Enforce Zoning Ordinance regulations applying to visibility at intersections.		BD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Work with RIDOT on the proposed widening of the Slatersville Stone Arch Bridge and ensure that the historic character of the bridge is maintained.		TA, PD, TC, DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Develop and implement a road improvement program that includes assessment and prioritization of town road projects.		DPW	\$15,000	CIP	Year 1
Develop, prioritize and implement a Sidewalk Plan.		DPW,PD	\$5,000	DOT,CIP	Year 2-3
Adopt and implement a Mapped Street Ordinance or alternative policy.		Solicitor	TBD	CIP	Ongoing
Work with RIDOT on the proposed widening of the Slatersville Stone Arch Bridge and ensure that the historic character of the bridge is maintained.		DPW, HDC	TIP-funded	DOT	Year 1
Encourage the development and implementation of access management plans to minimize access points to existing roadways in order to increase capacity and reduce delays, with special attention given to Industrial Drive and 146A through Park Square.		DPW, TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
2. Eliminate Traffic Congestion On Non-Limited Access Section Of Route 146					
Encourage DOT to fund the Route 146/Sayles Hill Road intersection construction improvements.		DPW, TA	Study is TIP funded	DOT	In 2003-2008 TIP
3. Encourage Preservation Of Rural Character Of Country Roads					
Adopt and implement a Scenic Roads Inventory and develop a Scenic Road Ordinance.		CC	\$5,000	CIP	Year 2-3

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
4. Allow Only That Development Which Will Not Overburden The Street System					
Carefully evaluate traffic impacts and stipulate mitigation measures as part of development plan review for major development projects.		PB, PD, Police	\$1,500	CIP	Year 1
Limit curbscuts.		PD, Developer	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
5. Provide Facilities To Encourage The Use Of The Transit System					
Increase public transportation opportunities.		RIPTA	TBD	RIPTA	Ongoing
Work with DOT and/or RIPTA in developing local park-n-ride facilities for transit users and car poolers.		RIDOT, RIPTA	DOT in-house analyses	RIPTA, DOT	Ongoing
Continue transportation services for the elderly and handicapped.		RD, TC	TBD	CIP	Year 4-5
6. Facilitate Freight Railroad Service To Manufacturing Areas					
Continue zoning allowing manufacturing uses which may require deliveries or shipments by railroad.		TC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
7. Increase Opportunities For Pedestrian And Bicycle Access Particularly To Village Areas, Near Public Facilities, And In Densely Settled Neighborhoods					
The Planning Board should require all development proposals to include a pedestrian access component.		PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
8. Promote Traffic Safety On New And Existing Roadways					
Amend Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to include provisions for traffic calming measures such as reduced curve radii, reduced roadway width, street tree plantings, etc.		PB, PD	\$1,500	PD Budget	Year 1

POLICIES AND ACTIONS				
Improve safety at West Acres interchange on Rt 146 (south to north U-turn).				
Implement a lane stripping program as a speed control measure on existing roadways and include a stripping provision in the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.	PB, PD, DPW	Length of Roadway-specific	DPW Budget	Year 2

POLICIES AND ACTIONS				
K - BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR ELEMENT				

1. Continue To Support Established, Local Efforts To Protect Historic, Cultural And Natural Resources				
Pursue technical assistance and funding to continue to update and evaluate the Statewide Historical Preservation Report.	HDC, BRV	TBD	BRV grant	Ongoing
Encourage the HDC and the RI Historic Preservation Commission to take a more proactive role in protection through co-sponsored workshops and grants assistance to historic property owners.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Collaborate with the HDC to gather public support for preservation and identify/establish local historic districts.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Seek assistance from the Corridor Commission for support of National Register nominations and local historic zoning proposals.	HDC, BRV	\$5,000/per application	BRV Institute	Years 1-5
Identify properties that are threatened by development pressures, deterioration or inadequate resources to include the Slatersville Mill, Tupperware Mill 1851 Scythe Works, the Forestdale Post Office, Stamina Mill Office and the Primrose Grange.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Target potential users and appropriate uses for key historic features compatible with preservation concerns.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Identify key parcels for land protection around Slatersville Reservoir and work with the Conservation Commission in developing a management plan.	CC, BRV	\$5,000	CIP	Years 1-5

POLICIES AND ACTIONS					
	Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame	
Promote land conservation and historic park restoration through the Conservation Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission.	CC, RD, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Collaborate and support the Corridor Commission in the establishment of a Greenway along the Blackstone and Branch Rivers.	TA, BRV	\$35,000	BRV funded	Partially complete, Ongoing	
2. Educate The Entire Public And Build Support For The Protection Of Local Historic, Cultural And Natural Resources					
Target individuals and professional groups which deal with local properties (i.e. realtors, etc.) for preservation education.	HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Disseminate the Corridor's Design Guidelines and Standards report to interested property owners.	PD, HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
Encourage the HDC to hold workshops for maintenance education for both non- and historic district property owners.	HDC, BRV	\$3,000	CIP	Year 2-3	
Incorporate interpretive features or historic information into public projects, when appropriate.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
3. Protect Key Historic, Cultural And Natural Resources Utilizing Zoning And Incentives As Tools					
Create a requirement through the subdivision process to require the development of conservation development design when important historic or natural features are present on-site as identified in the cultural and natural resources inventory.	PD, PB	No Add'l Costs	DEM	Initiated	
Revise the Planned Development Zoning District to be more responsive to land conservation and resource protection.	PD, PB	\$3,000	CIP	Year 4-5	
Continue to apply for funding through the Corridor's Heritage Partnership Program which provides funding for heritage projects that develop heritage infrastructure or recreation, provide heritage programming, strategic design, preservation & enhancement or implement river recovery.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	
4. Develop An Economic Development Strategy That Assists Owners Of Historic Mills To Maintain Viable Uses Including Environmentally-Sensitive Industry, Business And Residential					
Help local manufacturers to become aware of and participate in state programs to keep mature industries in business and utilizing old structures.	IDC, CoC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing	

POLICIES AND ACTIONS				
	Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Establish a mixed-use zone for the former Tupperware site that will include residential, light industrial and commercial uses.	PD, PB	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ordinance drafted
5. Support The Blackstone River Bikeway As An Alternative Transportation Route And Recreational/Educational Feature				
Examine zoning along the proposed bikeway path for compatibility and economic opportunities.	PD, PB	\$3,000	CIP	Year 3-4
Examine access to the bikeway from key areas off-site and compatibility with existing street traffic with DEM as design development begins.	PD, Police	\$3,000	CIP	Year 3-4
6. Take Pro-Active Role In Local Transportation And Dot Projects To Have Historic, Cultural And Natural Features Considered In Design				
Collaborate with the Corridor Commission in the review of Federally-funded projects using the Corridor's Historic Resources Inventory and the local Cultural and Natural Resources Inventory as a basis for discussion.	HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Involve the Historic District Commission, the Conservation Commission, Scenic Rhode Island, and other interested parties in the review of local, state and federal projects.	HDC, CC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
7. Continue To Create Conservation Areas And Develop Parkland Along The Blackstone And Its Tributaries Consistent With Corridor Goals				
Form alliances with local businesses, landowners, regional foundations and groups such as the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy to insure that key properties are protected.	HDC	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Establish a "Task Force" approach in parks development for soliciting input and generating public support, particularly with the Kelly Park site.	RD, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Explore access possibilities to the Blackstone Gorge via Harkness Roads.	RD, DPW, PD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 1
Continue to work with Blackstone, MA officials and other partners to achieve the vision that would make Kelly/Mammoth Mill a bi-state gateway park.	RD, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
8. Develop A Realistic, Short Term Tourism Plan That Will Be Meaningful To A Valley-Wide Strategy				

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Identify the key features with tourism potential that could be tied into a large series of tourism activities.		RD, HDC, BRV	No Direct Costs	N/A	Year 2-4
Coordinate a North Smithfield tourism map with identified tourism sites valley-wide and regionally.		BRV	\$5,000	BRV funded	Year 5
Collaborate with the Corridor Commission to develop theme brochures linking sites valley-wide with North Smithfield.		BRV	\$5,000	BRV funded	Initiated, ongoing
Collaborate with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council for special events promotion.		BRV, RD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Utilize the Council's tourism plan as a basis for developing strategies and programs.		RD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
9. Form A Network For Information Sharing With The Federal, State And Local Representatives					
Utilize the Corridor Commission, DEM, the League of Cities and Towns and others for providing technical assistance on conservation easements, liability and other land acquisition and management issues.		BRV, TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
Encourage local board and commission members to participate in workshops sponsored by organizations such as Grow Smart RI and Statewide Planning that promote understanding of regulatory jurisdiction and procedures.		TA	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing
10. Educate The Entire Community Regarding Water Quality And Hazardous Waste					
Produce an environmental home safety brochure for the general public in conjunction with the Corridor Commission.		WA, BRV	\$5,000	WSA funded	Annually
Establish an annual Environmental Awareness Week with school and community educational programs.		BRV	TBD	BRV funded	Annually
Continue the annual Earth Day cleanup with emphasis on cleaning the Canal Street area.		CC, BRV, DPW	No Direct Costs	N/A	Annually
11. Encourage Land Use Near Rivers, Streams, Wetland, And Restrictive Soil Areas To Be Compatible With Environmental Goals					

POLICIES AND ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Cost	Source	Time Frame
Identify areas of the Development Plan Review (site plan) Ordinance for inclusion of site standards for improving environmental impacts.		PD, PB	See PD Budget	PD Budget	Initiated
12. Provide Disincentives For Industrial, Commercial And Other Polluters					
Establish heavy local fines for toxic dumping, wetland violations, water pollution, etc. and violation of terms of permits and support DEM's efforts to enforce statewide pollution prevention programs.		TC, Solicitor	\$10,000	CIP	Year 2
Withhold permit approvals/renewals from polluters until situation is mitigated.		TC, BD	No Direct Costs	N/A	Ongoing

L-3.2 Status of Actions Contained in the 1992 Plan

The 1992 Comprehensive Plan (adopted by the State in 1995) had the implementation program organized by “major municipal actions” and then assigned priority ratings, i.e., timeframes for implementation of “highest”, “high”, and “medium”. This section serves to provide the status of those 1992 proposed actions. The section titles and their sequence are the same as appeared in the 1992 Plan, however, for the sake of brevity, the “Responsible Agencies”, Adopting Agencies”, “Comments”, and “Costs” were removed, leaving only a description of the progress made to date. Those tasks that remain ongoing have also been included in the 2005 Action Table.

Codes and Ordinances - Highest Priority

Zoning Ordinance and Map

Progress: The Zoning Ordinance and map were updated in 1994. The Zoning Map is in substantial conformance with the Land Use Plan. The exceptions where the Zoning Map has not caught up to the Land Use Plan include the following:

Mixed Use – A – Slatersville Mill Site. Rezoning of this site is likely within the short term as the current owners are negotiating the sale of the property. All potential buyers have expressed interest in developing the site as described in the 1992 Land Use Plan and again in the 2005 Update.

Mixed Use – B – North Smithfield/ Woonsocket Town Line. Rezoning of this site is likely in the short-term. Some small scale mixed use development has already occurred in this proposed district. The Planning Board has recommended that the residential component of this proposed district be eliminated.

Lot sizes in the vicinity of the aquifer were increased. An Aquifer and Groundwater Overlay Ordinance has been adopted.

A number of zone changes have been implemented since the plan was adopted and while none of them were specifically envisioned by the land use plan they were such that existing zoning districts were expanded as infrastructure was extended to accommodate new development.

Subdivision Regulations

Progress: Initial update based on 1992 recommendations complete. Last amended September 2003.

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance

Progress: Ordinance adopted in 1992 will need to be amended to incorporate Phase II Stormwater Management Plan provisions.

Land Trust

Progress: A Land Trust was created. Its efforts should be supported and municipal funding for operating expenses, like insurance need to be explored. See 2005 Action Table.

Change Highway Functional Classification

Progress: Task removed because the State continues to shift more responsibilities to municipalities, and the likelihood of the Town shifting some responsibility to the State is slim.

Administrative Action - High Priority

Rehabilitation/Code Enforcement

Progress: CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program in place and ongoing. See 2005 Action Table.

National Register Listing

Progress: No action to date, see 2005 Action Table.

Wastewater Management Districts

Progress: Wastewater Management Plan identified areas where wastewater districts should be established. See 2005 Action Table.

Other tasks completed but not previously included in this section, but included in the 1992 body of the Plan that deserve mentioning are:

- The various Fire Departments and Rescue Services have been consolidated into one town wide organization.
- While the library was expanded just prior to the 1992 Plan's completion, the Town's growth rate has accelerated and current space deficiencies exist. As such, a new library is being called for. The Animal Shelter was expanded and remains sufficiently sized, to date.
- North Smithfield supported the establishment of the Woonsocket Visitor Center and Museum, as well as the historic Slater Mill site in Pawtucket.
- Centennial Park has been upgraded.
- Improved pedestrian accessibility in Slatersville is well underway.
- Use of CDBG funds for the Slatersville area was explored. However, CDBG funds can not be used because Slatersville is not blighted or comprised mainly of low to moderate-income citizens.
- Pacheco Park's size was expanded.