

## Appendix C: Goals, Strategies, & Policies Implementation Matrix

### 1. History and Archeology

1.1 Promote historic preservation as a key economic, sustainable, and community development strategy.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
1.1.1 Engage local property owners and stakeholders to pursue a listing for possible Historic Districts (such as Bristol Mills or Round Pond Villages).	Bristol Mills Improvement Society  Old Bristol Historical Society	Mid Term
1.1.2 Encourage support for the Old Bristol Historical Society.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
1.1.3 Encourage the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic properties, including those owned by the Town.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Old Bristol Historical Society	Ongoing
1.1.4 Provide information about grant programs for historic homeowners for maintenance or modernization of historic homes.	Town Administrator	Ongoing
1.1.5 Explore ways to denote the historical significance of private properties and public historical sites.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

1.2 Preserve and protect the Town’s overlooked historic and archaeological resources.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
1.2.1 Encourage thoughtful rehabilitation of historic homes and new construction compatible with the character of the historic neighborhoods.	Code Enforcement Officer  Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Planning Board	Ongoing
1.2.2 Provide information to landowners of historic and archaeological sites on the importance of protecting these resources.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

1.3 Ensure inclusivity and promote respect for diversity in Town related historical publications.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
1.3.1 Continue and expand efforts at historical sites/school/town documents to include the story of the original/native inhabitants of the Pemaquid Peninsula	Old Bristol Historical Society  School Committee	Ongoing

	Town Administrator	
1.3.2 Acknowledge the presence of slavery in Bristol's history in Town related publications as appropriate	Old Bristol Historical Society  School Committee	Ongoing

## 2. Water Resources

2.1 Maintain the quality of fresh, marine, and estuary waters to allow for sustainable public and private uses.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
2.1.1 Continue to collaborate with state and community partners (like Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust) to monitor water quality at various public use sites such as Pemaquid Beach, Swimming Hole at the Bristol Dam, etc.	Shellfish Committee  Parks Director	Ongoing
2.1.2 Provide educational materials at appropriate locations, including rental agencies, regarding the importance of maintaining sustainable water usage	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
2.1.3 Study the effects of geothermal wells on traditional water sources	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

	Planning Board	
2.1.4 Study the impacts of various road treatments on water quality (private wells, etc.)	Road Commissioner	Early Term
2.1.5 Include in the Town annual report the various road treatments utilized in the winter months	Road Commissioner  Town Administrator	Annual and Ongoing
2.1.6 Include in the Town annual report the properties with overboard discharge and/or failed septic systems, as well as the number of properties whose systems have been remediated	Code Enforcement Officer	Annual and Ongoing
2.1.7 Encourage property owners to eliminate point source pollution	Code Enforcement Officer  Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

2.2 Restore the quality of fresh, marine, and estuarine waters to allow for sustainable public and private usage.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
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2.2.1 Continue current strategies (acute water sampling and DNA testing) utilized to restore shellfish harvesting to Upper Pemaquid River, Schoolhouse Cove, Eastern Branch	Shellfish Committee	Ongoing
2.2.2 Study and consider amending the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to protect water resources such as creeks, ponds, and streams	Planning Board	Early Term
2.2.3 Continue to pursue grant money to support water testing at identified locations throughout the Town	Shellfish Committee  Parks Director	Ongoing
2.2.4 Continue to work with the Department of Marine Resources regarding impacts on water quality resulting from existing and potential pollution sources.	Shellfish Committee	Ongoing

### 3. Natural Resources

3.1 Protect and maintain our valuable natural resources including scenic areas/views, open spaces, preserves, habitats, wetlands, and shorefronts.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
3.1.1 Create an ordinance for open space and/or natural resource protection in order to preserve the rural character of the Town	Planning Board  Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term

3.1.2 Create a Town Conservation Committee to protect and maintain our valuable natural resources	Select Board	April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)
3.1.3 Pursue private funding, as well as state funding, to support conservation initiatives	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
3.1.4 Create and maintain an inventory of unique natural areas in the Town that should be protected	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
3.1.5 Encourage landowners to protect and preserve critical natural and scenic resources by taking advantage of conservation programs to preserve undeveloped land	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
3.1.6 Create and maintain an inventory of scenic views of importance in the Town	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
3.1.7 Review and revise, if needed, the Town's Land Use Standards Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and other related ordinances to assure that submission requirements include identification of state and locally important resources including wetlands, scenic vistas, vernal pools, floodplains, wildlife habitats (deer wintering areas, bird nesting sites, etc.) and other unique natural and scenic features or areas.	Planning Board	Early Term
3.1.8 Educate the public in regards to strategies for invasive plant and pest removal, and protecting native species of plants, insects and animals.	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

### 3.2 Minimize light and noise pollution.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
3.2.1 Study the impact of noise pollution on local wildlife and educate the public	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Mid Term
3.2.2 Reduce the impact of light pollution on habitats and landscapes by studying and possibly adopting a lighting ordinance in accordance with the Dark Skies Initiative	Planning Board  Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Mid Term

### 3.3 Prioritize Town initiated land conservation measures.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
3.3.1 Create and grow a “Land for Bristol's Future” fund for potential land acquisition for habitat protection, scenic view protection, shorefront access and/or recreation.	Select Board	Early Term
3.2.3 Pursue private funding, as well as state funding, to support land purchases for the purpose of public use and access	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)  Parks and Recreation	Ongoing

### 3.4 Protect Bristol from the effects of climate change.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
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3.4.1 Ensure that Bristol is eligible and applies for Community Resilience grant funding through the State for projects like energy efficiency and climate resilience (ex: flooding, drought, extreme weather, public health, etc.) – <a href="https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership/grants">https://www.maine.gov/future/climate/community-resilience-partnership/grants</a>	Select Board  Town Administrator	Early Term
3.4.2 Collaborate with state and community partners to study the effects of climate change on the Town	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
3.4.3 Consider the impacts of climate change when developing and revising Town policies and ordinances.	Planning Board  Select Board	Ongoing

#### 4. Agriculture and Forestry

4.1 Ensure the protection of agricultural and forested land in Bristol.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
4.1.1 Amend Subdivision Ordinance and include in the Land Use Standards Ordinance language requiring commercial or subdivision developments to consider maintaining areas with prime farmland soils as unencumbered for future agricultural use, to the greatest extent possible. Include similar language for retaining large stands of timber.	Planning Board  Select Board	Mid Term
4.1.2 Support the pursuit of grant funding, as well as state funding, to support land purchases or conservation easements for the purpose of preserving	Select Board	Ongoing

farmland and working land (such as lands with prime farmland or soils of statewide importance).	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	
4.1.3 Create solar siting ordinances which include agricultural standards. ( <a href="https://www.maine farmland trust.org/farm-network/farmland-and-solar-development/">https://www.maine farmland trust.org/farm-network/farmland-and-solar-development/</a> )	Planning Board  Select Board	Mid Term
4.1.4 Work with state agencies to review and revise as needed the Town's land use regulations to prevent clear cutting of large areas that would result in erosion of the thin soil cover.	Planning Board	Mid Term
4.1.5 Increase awareness among local farmland owners about options to protect their land through agricultural conservation easements.	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

4.2 Help promote the economic viability of farms and forestry operations in Bristol.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
4.2.1 Continue to encourage the purchase of locally grown food for local schools and institutions.	Bristol School Food Service Manager  School Committee	Ongoing
4.2.2 Consider enrolling the Town in the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program in order to support reimbursement of property taxes on farmland and	Select Board	Mid Term

farm buildings in exchange for 20-year conservation easements		
4.2.3 Improve local farmland access and seek ways to attract new farmers through programs such as Maine FarmLink.	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

## 5. Marine Resources

### 5.1 Promote and protect water-dependent activities.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
5.1.1 Encourage people to take advantage of State and Federal programs that preserve the working waterfront through grants and other funding sources.	Fish Committee  Harbor Committee  Shellfish Committee	Ongoing
5.1.2 Identify future public access needs for commercial fishermen and related maritime activities and identify regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to meet those needs.	Fish Committee  Harbor Committee  Shellfish Committee	Ongoing

### 5.2 Ensure adequate future public access to shoreline areas.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
5.2.1 Identify needs for additional recreational and commercial access (which includes parking, boat launches, docking space, fish piers, and swimming access).	Harbor Committee  Parks Commission	Early Term
5.2.2 Continue to make appropriate improvements to public landings as needed	Harbor Committee	Ongoing

5.3 Support implementation of local and regional harbor-management plans.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
5.3.1 Maintain mooring plans for our mooring field areas to increase the efficiency of mooring areas and to comply with Federal, State, local mooring regulations.	Harbor Committee	Early Term
5.3.2 Develop an improvement plan for Town landings to help continue to maintain functionality and safe conditions, increase float and dinghy space, and improve parking.	Harbor Committee	Mid Term
5.3.3 Annually review mooring fees and adjust as operational expenses and capital improvement needs change.	Harbor Committee	Annual and ongoing
5.3.4 Evaluate the logistics of hiring and funding a full time harbormaster.	Select Board	Early Term

5.3.5 Investigate the feasibility of dredging Town harbors.	Harbor Committee	Early Term
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5.4 Maintain, and where necessary, restore the quality of coastal waters, marine fisheries, and wildlife.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
5.4.1 Monitor the future development of any proposed aquaculture operations.	Fish Committee  Shellfish Committee	Ongoing
5.4.2 Continue to work with the Department of Marine Resources and Department of Environmental Protection regarding impacts on water quality resulting from existing and potential pollution sources.	Shellfish Committee	Ongoing
5.4.3 Continue to collaborate with Coastal Rivers to monitor water quality in the Pemaquid River, coastal waters, and harbors of Bristol to protect marine life, recreation, and commerce.	Parks Director  Shellfish Committee	Ongoing

5.5 Develop the public's understanding of coastal management and resource utilization.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
5.5.1 Seek ways to encourage owners of marine businesses and industries to participate in clean marina/boatyard programs.	Harbor Committee	Ongoing

5.6 Protect and promote marine-based industries.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
5.6.1 Continue to maintain an accessible inventory of working waterfront property in the Town.	Harbor Committee  Select Board  Town Administrator	Ongoing
5.6.2 Continue to encourage marine based industries through the use of the Working Waterfront Program.	Harbor Committee	Ongoing

**6. Population and Demographics**

6.1 Encourage and support the ability of seniors on fixed incomes to age-in-place by innovative approaches and support to address fuel, housing and repair costs, as well as addressing issues such as transportation and social isolation.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
6.1.1 Consider joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
6.1.2 Develop a Senior Services Committee to coordinate resources and otherwise support the needs of senior community members	Select Board	April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)
6.1.3 Connect older residents to known community organizations/groups designed to support their needs.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Senior Services Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

6.2 Explore ways to enable young people and families to stay in the Town, or to relocate to the Town.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
6.2.1 Continue to support the growing needs of Bristol's school-age population by prioritizing, and investing resources in, Bristol Consolidated School.	School Committee  Select Board	Ongoing

6.2.2 Continue to collaborate with the School to develop and maintain partnerships with regional organizations designed to support family child care needs.	School Committee  Select Board	Ongoing
6.2.3 Explore mechanisms to ensure living in the Town is affordable.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term

6.3 Strive to be a diverse and vital community that is home to people of varying ages and genders from a range of economic, social, and cultural backgrounds.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
6.3.1 Consider the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion when developing Town policies and practices	Town Administrator	Early Term
6.3.2 Explore, and possibly implement, diversity, equity, and inclusion training for Town staff	Town Administrator	Early Term

6.4 Monitor population trends and use that information to plan for community needs.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
6.4.1 Monitor demographic changes, especially changes in the senior population and the family-age population	Select Board	Ongoing

	Senior Services Committee (to be developed)  Town Administrator	
6.4.2 Adapt and revise municipal services to respond to demographic changes	Select Board	Ongoing

## 7. Economy

7.1 Support existing commercial activities in Bristol and encourage the development and expansion of light impact businesses.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
7.1.1 Make available at the Town Office information on existing Federal, State, and regional programs designed to assist business development and expansion.	Town Administrator	Early Term and Ongoing
7.1.2 Take advantage of Federal, State or other funding programs to support the development of light impact businesses.	Select Board  Town Administrator	Ongoing
7.2.2 Encourage participation in the regional economic development efforts of organizations which seek to expand job opportunities and appropriate training in the region.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

7.2 Allow home businesses that do not detract from residential neighborhoods or the rural character of Bristol.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
7.2.1 Continue to permit home businesses that do not cause a distraction (e.g. noise, excess traffic, smells) from the rural character in all areas of the Town	Code Enforcement Officer  Selectboard	Ongoing

7.3 Continue to develop and improve the Town’s telecommunication resources.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
7.3.1 Develop a Connectivity Committee to assess the Town’s needs in the areas of internet, cell service, and wide area networks	Select Board	April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)
7.3.2 Study the functionality of existing cell towers	Connectivity Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
7.3.3 Ensure the Town’s broadband network is adequate enough to meet commercial needs	Connectivity Committee (to be developed)  Select Board	Ongoing

## 8. Housing

8.1 Ensure that local land use ordinances support the creation of quality affordable housing and create incentives for affordable housing options.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
8.1.1 Establish a Housing Committee to support the exploration of quality affordable housing in the Town	Select Board	April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)
8.1.2 Examine and propose regulations associated with current state legislation pertaining to accessory dwelling units (e.g. LD 2003).	Planning Board  Select Board	Early Term
8.1.3 Develop local affordable housing options, so individuals and families can stay within their community.	Housing Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
8.1.4 Identify areas of existing low income housing and support their access to available resources.	Housing Committee (to be developed)	Early Term and Ongoing
8.1.5 Review or amend the Land Use Standards Ordinance to ensure small business owners continue to be able to provide low-cost housing for seasonal workers using accessory dwelling units and other strategies.	Planning Board	Early Term
8.1.6 Consider establishing a level of affordable housing stock in accordance with the May 2023 Lincoln County Housing Needs Assessment.	Housing Committee (to be developed)	Early Term

8.2 Support the maintenance of available year round housing stock in the Town by investigating limitations on short term rentals.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
8.2.1 Explore strategies designed to incentivize preventing homes from becoming short term rentals.	Housing Committee (to be developed)	Early Term

## 9. Recreation

9.1 Ensure, and possibly expand, access to important recreational sites in the Town.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
9.1.1 Seek to, when possible, acquire Town ownership of Pemaquid Lighthouse Tower from the Coast Guard.	Parks Commission  Select Board	Long Term
9.1.2 Work with community partners to explore ways to ensure and expand, as appropriate, access to various freshwater bodies in Bristol (e.g. Boyd's Pond, Biscay Pond, etc.)	Select Board  Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
9.1.3 Support safe access to recreational sites by ensuring adequate parking at those locations currently lacking this resource.	Community Partners (such as Coastal Rivers)	Ongoing

	Parks Commission	
9.1.4 Utilize visitor data from Parks and Trails to inform further development of Town Recreational infrastructure	Community Partners (such as Coastal Rivers)  Parks Commission	Ongoing
9.1.5 Continue to acquire property from willing landowners or seek gifts of land or perpetual use agreements to provide the assurance of recreational opportunities.	Community Partners (such as Coastal Rivers)  Select Board	Ongoing

9.2 Expand recreational programs available in the Town.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
9.2.1 Continue and expand youth stewardship opportunities.	Parks Commission  School Committee  Community Partners (such as Coastal Rivers)	Ongoing

9.2.2 Continue and expand youth recreational programs.	Community Partners (such as CLC YMCA)  Parks Commission  School Committee	Ongoing
9.2.3 Continue and expand senior programs.	Parks Commission  Senior Services Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
9.2.4 Facilitate access to community spaces at the Bristol Consolidated School by ensuring use parameters are reasonable.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Parks Commission  School Committee	Early Term

9.3 Build community by encouraging community events.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
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<p>9.3.1 Encourage public and private entities to schedule community events.</p>	<p>Community Partners</p> <p>Parks Commission</p> <p>Senior Services Committee (to be developed)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
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**10. Transportation**

10.1 To prioritize community and regional needs associated with safe, efficient, and optimal use of transportation systems.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
<p>10.1.1 Propose or actively participate in regional and state transportation initiatives as per the Town’s land use management plan</p>	<p>Select Board</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

10.2 To safely and efficiently preserve or improve the transportation system.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
<p>10.2.1 Develop and maintain a prioritized and comprehensive improvement, maintenance, and repair plan for Bristol’s transportation network (roads, bridges, and landings.)</p>	<p>Road Commissioner</p>	<p>Early Term and Ongoing</p>

	Maine Department of Transportation  Select Board	
10.2.2 Enhance safety for all users of Bristol’s transportation network (signage, public awareness, calming strategies, enforcement, etc).	Maine Department of Transportation  Road Commissioner  Select Board	Early Term and Ongoing
10.2.3 Identify, assess and mitigate risk to key roads, bridges, and landings from floods and storms.	Maine Department of Transportation  Road Commissioner	Early Term and Ongoing
10.2.4 Investigate the viability of installing electric vehicle chargers in various locations throughout the Town.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term

10.3 To promote public health, protect natural and cultural resources, and enhance livability by managing land use in ways that maximize the efficiency of the transportation system and minimize increases in vehicle miles traveled.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
10.3.1 Maintain, enact or amend ordinance standards for subdivisions and for public and private roads to foster safe and efficient development patterns (including possible future street connections).	Planning Board	Early Term

## 11. Public Facilities

11.1 Consider updating, renovating, and expanding Bristol School facilities.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
11.1.1 Develop and maintain a 10 year facilities plan for the Bristol School consistent with the Town's capital improvement plan.	AOS 93 (i.e. district entity)  School Committee	Ongoing

11.2 Consider updating, renovating, and/or expanding Town municipal facilities.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
11.2.1 Continue to purchase the majority of the power for Town facilities from sustainable energy sources (e.g. solar) and strive to reach 100% sustainable power sources.	Select Board  Town Conservation	Ongoing

	Committee (to be developed)	
11.2.2 Research strategies to increase the energy efficiency of existing Town facilities in order to enhance cost savings.	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
11.2.3 Assess the public's desire to build a new Town Office and/or a Central Fire Station.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Long Term

11.3 Consider exploring various options and alternatives for the Town's governmental structure.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
11.3.1 Consider establishing a committee of Town citizens to study the following question: Should the Town adopt the Maine Town Manager Plan?	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Select Board	Early Term
11.3.2 Investigate if the Town should elect a Charter Commission to write a Charter to address Town governance.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Select Board	Early Term

11.4 Review the administrative structure of Town Departments.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
11.4.1 Review the current administrative and fiscal structures of the Town Departments and consider incorporating external Departments into the Town's administrative structure.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Mid Term

11.5 Support and encourage community-based and Town-initiated efforts to ensure the Town remains a clean and healthy environment for citizens and visitors alike.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
11.5.1 Encourage and expand roadside clean up efforts, such as the annual Elmer Tarr Roadside Clean Up, by ensuring Town-based support for volunteers.	Highway Department  Parks Commission  Road Commissioner	Ongoing
11.5.2 Consider adopting “Leave No Trace” policies on Town properties.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Parks Commission	Ongoing

11.5.3 Engage with nonprofit organizations to support shoreline cleanup efforts.	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing
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## 12. Fiscal Capacity and Public Investment Plan

12.1 Maintain the Town's established record of fiscal responsibility as evidenced, in part, by a stable mil rate.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
12.1.1 Seek state bonds, federal grants, low interest loans, and reserve funds to finance capital expenditures and/or reserves.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Select Board	Ongoing

12.2 Maximize the Town's net assets and liquidity in order to continue to provide and, if necessary, expand effective Town services.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
12.2.1 Continue to utilize effective tax collection methods.	Select Board  Town Treasurer	Ongoing

12.3 Continue to support, through the Town's budgetary process, non-profit organizations that provide social services.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
12.3.1 Continue to encourage the Town to financially support non-government social services and regional organizations as have been identified in the Town's Annual Report	Select Board  Senior Services Committee	Ongoing

### 13. Land Use

13.1 Prioritize conservation and protect undeveloped land by adopting more protections for farmland, forests, and scenic views.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
13.1.1 Research land types and soil types in order to explore the feasibility of creating rural farmland corridors.	Town Conservation Commission (to be developed)	Long Term
13.1.2 Encourage landowners to enroll in Maine's Farmland Property Tax Program, Tree Growth Program, and/or Open Space Program.	Select Board	Ongoing
13.1.3 Create, and ask the voters to consider, a commercial solar facility moratorium until studies can be conducted on impacts to environment, farmland, open space, and scenic views.	Planning Board	Mid Term

<p>13.1.4 Explore various frontage, setback, and driveway spacing limitations/curb-cuts to reduce potential for high density and continuous development along main state and town roads.</p>	<p>Implementation Committee (to be developed)</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Early Term</p>
<p>13.1.5 Maintain, enact or amend local ordinances as appropriate to clearly define the desired scale, intensity, and location of future development.</p>	<p>Implementation Committee (to be developed)</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Early Term</p>

13.2 Encourage new development in preferred growth areas.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
<p>13.2.1 Define and establish preferred growth areas as well as critical rural areas as per any local ordinances.</p>	<p>Implementation Committee (to be developed)</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Early Term</p>
<p>13.2.2 Discourage development in areas lacking the resources (e.g. water availability and septage) to support additional growth.</p>	<p>Implementation Committee (to be developed)</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>13.2.3 Create a higher density residential zone that reduces the minimum lot size and allows multi-family or mixed-use development in accordance with LD 2003.</p>	<p>Implementation Committee (to be developed)</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Select Board</p>	<p>April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)</p>
<p>13.2.4 Ensure that all public open spaces that are intended to be permanent are zoned Open Space as per the Future Land Use Plan</p>	<p>Implementation Committee (to be developed)</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Early Term</p>

13.3 Expand the Town's ability to support decision-making regarding development.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
<p>13.3.1 Provide the Town's Code Enforcement operations with appropriate staffing levels, tools, training, and support necessary to enforce land use regulations.</p>	<p>Select Board</p>	<p>Early Term and Ongoing</p>
<p>13.3.2 Create a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee to support and monitor the execution of the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	<p>Select Board</p>	<p>April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)</p>

13.3.3 Direct the Planning Board to collaborate with the Comprehensive Plan's Implementation Committee to evaluate, recommend, and implement land use ordinances.	Select Board	April 2024 (contingent upon Plan approval)
13.3.4 Develop and maintain data collection, storage, and access mechanisms to support larger awareness of development activity and impacts in the Town.	Code Enforcement Officer  Planning Board	Early Term
13.3.5 Consider employing, or collaborating with surrounding Towns to employ, a part-time Town Planner to monitor and evaluate the development of the Town.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Select Board	Mid Term

13.4 Protect the small-town character of Bristol.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
13.4.1 Create ordinances that enact commercial and/or other non-residential building type and size limitations for various areas of the Town.	Planning Board	Early Term
13.4.2 Encourage the preservation of the Town's historic architecture.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)	Ongoing

	Planning Board	
13.4.3 Maintain and enforce the ordinance to regulate digital and internally lit signs.	Planning Board	Ongoing
13.4.4 Design, and ask the voters to consider, a lighting ordinance to reduce light pollution in the Town.	Planning Board	Early Term
13.4.5 Research the impact of various sources of sound pollution in the Town.	Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Mid Term

13.5 Ensure all future development allows for equitable access to potable groundwater.

Strategy	Who is Responsible?	Timeline
13.5.1 Research funding sources to enable the Town to conduct a Town-wide hydrogeological study.	Implementation Committee (to be developed)  Town Conservation Committee (to be developed)	Early Term
13.5.2 Create an ordinance that is consistent with the most recent knowledge of local water supplies to ensure future development does not negatively affect the water quantity and quality of surrounding properties.	Planning Board	Mid Term

<p>13.5.3 Continue to limit conversion of seasonal housing to year round housing based on a location's available water supply and septage.</p>	<p>Code Enforcement Officer</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>13.5.4 Create, and ask the voters to consider, an ordinance to require proof of adequate water supply and septage prior to granting building permits.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p> <p>Select Board</p>	<p>Early Term</p>