

Community: New Shoreham

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Comprehensive Plan Narrative Report:

Please summarize your accomplishments and impediments for Natural Resources planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Natural Resources Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
NR1.A.1. Review new State wetlands setback regulations and determine if additional protection measures are required to protect the quality and habitat of the wetlands systems on Block Island	Short-term	Completed. Amendments and/or exemption will be considered.
NR1.B.1. Identify undeveloped land containing habitats of endangered species and/or having a high potential for coastal wetland migration	Medium-term	SLAMM maps provide this information and can be utilized to identify specific lands to prioritize.
NR1.B.2. Explore issues related to reforestation and identify potential lands where reforestation may be a good option	Long-term	BILT has designated the Nevas Lot (12:3-8) as a Memorial Forest for donation of trees and adopted a policy whereby any healthy trees removed from Land Trust property will be replaced with new native trees around the island.
NR1.C.1. Develop informational guides for property owners on how to manage open fields for wildlife and the best cutting practices to achieve various desired results	Long-term	TNC and BIC have an ongoing education program, including article in the BI Times to address these and other topics.

NR1.E.1. Develop an education program aimed at visitors and renters to promote good environmental behavior and responsible stewardship	Medium-term	Multiple advertising programs around this and a few in the works. How To Love Block Island Campaign. Videos and posters on ferry encouraging same. Ordinances banning single-use plastics adopted and associated public education campaign.
NR1.E.2. Institute programs at the Block Island School with partners that encourage outdoor learning, natural resources preservation and stewardship among the next generation	Ongoing	The school works with The Nature Conservancy and has a dedicated liaison to take students on Nature Programs. This is for every grade but more frequent in elementary and middle. The 4 th grade also has a long-standing project with partners/conservation organizations on birding.
NR2.A.2. Enact guidelines and institute an education campaign on the appropriate use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides; Town should serve as a model of best practices	Medium-term	Guidelines have not been enacted. The Recreation Department currently follows guidelines set forth by the Land Trust for Heinz field. Only organic fertilizers are allowed. Pesticides and herbicides are not allowed without approval from the land trust.
NR2.B.3. With partners, conduct an inventory of vernal ponds; enforce buffers and control use of fertilizers in these area	Long-term	BILT, TNC, BIC monitor their properties, have strict fertilizer policies. Vernal ponds have not been inventoried.
NR3.B.1. Install beach access signage to encourage pedestrians to remain off dunes	Short-term	Completed.
NR3.B.2. Implement an effective public education campaign which explains the importance of people remaining off dunes	Short-term	Implemented (as part of CRS annual public outreach credit; posters on ferry and ads within publications)
NR3.B.3. Install public walkover structures at the Town Beach to discourage traversing the fragile dunes (NHC1.B.2.)	Short-term	Completed.

Actions not yet implemented within the Natural Resources Element mostly involve regulatory changes/zoning amendments. Some are designated as long-term (to be completed within 10 years). Other have not yet been completed because other zoning amendments were of higher priority.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Open Space and Recreation planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Open Space and Recreation Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
RC1.C.1. Maintain pedestrian trails including the greenway and right-of-ways to the shore so that they remain passable and have appropriate signage	Ongoing	The Town is in the process of implementing recommendations within the Shoreline Access Working Group's Report. The Town was awarded grant funding to improve Andy's Way Beach Access - Boardwalk (constructed) and applied for funding for Grace's Cove Beach Access Improvement Grant Request (RIDEM). BILT and partners are addressing greenway trails conditions.
RC1.C.2. Inventory, document and map all public access points to the shoreline and freshwater bodies; publish and distribute a public waterfront access guide	Short-term	SAWG Report includes maps, conditions and recommendations for coastal shoreline access improvements which are being implemented; freshwater access has not been inventoried and guide has not been created.
RC1.C.3. Create and disseminate a blueways map and guide to promote paddling (GSP2.B.1.)	Short-term	Not a priority but still could be implemented within the Plan timeframe.
RC1.D.1. Develop a maintenance plan for town recreational facilities that establishes roles and responsibilities of the various town departments and groups	Short-term	In process, the Recreation Department is working with the new facilities manager to create a plan. Properties with BILT easements have maintenance plans in place.
RC1.D.2. Add amenities and make upgrades to existing town-owned parks when possible	Ongoing	The Recreation Department added pickleball lines to the basketball courts and purchased nets to address the surging popularity of pickleball. In addition, there are plans, funded by the Lions Club to create an outdoor fitness area at Ball O'Brien. Approval from HDC, CRMC and The Land Trust have been obtained for this project, but it was derailed when the company manufacturing the equipment closed due to Covid. Alternate equipment is currently being priced out, but there are supply chain delays.

RC1.D.3. Construct a staircase to provide access from Water Street to the Harbor and breakwater	Short-term	Implemented
RC2.A.1. Develop and implement a fiscally feasible Recreation Master Plan that serves the long-term needs of residents	Medium-term	In process
RC2.A.4. Add additional year-round recreational program opportunities targeted to older adults and seniors	Short-term	The Recreation Department has created several programs to address older adult and senior needs. Most notable is the pickleball program which has a large year round following. We added pickleball lines to the basketball court at Ball Obrien park and purchased portable nets. The program meets once a week in the winter and twice a week in the spring, summer and fall. In addition, the nets are available to any group to play at any time. In addition, we have created an adult indoor soccer league and indoor volleyball program is open to any age. We often discuss needs and ideas with the Senior Advisory Committee as well.
RC2.C.3. Explore opportunities for increased access to the Block Island School gymnasium for adult recreation programs	Short-term	The Recreation Department has been meeting with the school superintendent, athletic director and parents in a group tasked to revise and revamp the student athletic handbook. In these discussions, gym access was a big topic. The School has budgeted for two portable basketball nets, which would enable two teams to utilize the gym at the same time, thus opening up access for more adult programs. They are currently awaiting approval within the budget.

A majority of the actions related to open space and recreation have been at least partially implemented. Ongoing actions related to partnering with conservation groups such as the Block Island Land Trust to prioritize and protect open space continue. Some actions may not have been implemented yet, such as, amending the conservation-style subdivision regulations, due to other regulatory priorities, however, they may still be on the list of potential amendments to be considered and implemented during the plan's ten year timeframe.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Historical and Cultural Resources planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Historical and Cultural Resources Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
HC.1.B.1. Document and photograph high tides and storm flooding impacts, bluff erosion, etc. in the vicinity of historically significant structures	Ongoing	The public/board members have been made aware and encouraged to use the public website to post photos to assist the state in documenting high tides/storms events. Bluff erosion has been studied and data has been collected island wide.
HC1.A.1. Seek National Register and National Historic Landmark designation of significant properties and explore designation of the island as a whole	Ongoing	No new national register applications have been submitted.
HC1.A.2. Seek National Register Landmark District designation for the North Light	Short-term	Still being considered but has not yet been completed.
HC2.B.1. Review local regulations to ensure that the scenic and rural character of roads are protected and that development is concealed to the extent possible from public travelways and vantage points	Short-term	Planning Board factors this when drafting and reviewing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (i.e. solar) and in the review of development plan review applications

Additional actions, such as new or amended local regulations related to historic and cultural resources, have not been reviewed or implemented. Actions related to historic and cultural resources surveys and additional national register listings have not been completed. These are of lower priority due to limited staffing and significant efforts having already been completed in this area.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Housing planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Housing Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table. Affordable housing remains a top priority for New Shoreham and significant municipal action is underway to create additional units in the short, medium and long-term.

H1.A.1. Consider adopting an inclusionary zoning ordinance with a municipal subsidy system and option to pay-in-lieu	Medium-term	Currently not being considered. Very few major subdivisions so this strategy would result in very limited number of units.
H1.A.2. Identify additional sources of funding for Housing Trust Fund	Ongoing	A portion of the tax on short-term rentals goes to the Housing Board. The Housing Board also receives donations and is exploring other funding sources.
H1.B.1. Explore providing tax incentives to owners who offer year-round rental of their home to income eligible residents	Medium-term	The Town has an existing ordinance (Section 513) for accessory apartments to receive tax abatement if the unit is deed-restricted / affordable. Amendments are being considered to encourage the use.
H1.C.1. Identify both town and privately owned properties which could be suitable sites for the development of affordable residential units	Short-term	The Town has mapped properties that could be considered for affordable or attainable housing for persons serving government functions and the top recommended sites were recommended to the Town Council in June of 2022.
H1.E.1. Establish a stronger monitoring program and/or a tax abatement program for accessory apartments	Medium-term	Building Department conducted a review of accessory apartments to determine status/compliance. A database and map has been prepared.
H1.F.1. Evaluate demand for senior and special needs housing	Short-term	A housing needs survey was conducted by the Town in May of 2022 and included questions regarding special needs and accommodations for seniors.
H1.F.2. Acquire and hold land for future affordable housing needs	Ongoing	The Housing Board acquired the O'Brien property in New Harbor and is currently in the design phase for the affordable housing development. The property was rezoned and a Comp Plan amendment was adopted for the Future Land Use designation to facilitate higher density development of this property. Architectural schematics have been created and a grant application submitted to RIIB for predevelopment funds.

H1.G.1. Evaluate current tax assessment policies and explore instituting a homestead tax exemption	Medium-term	The Town is currently engaged in a review of the Town's tax structure including evaluation of a homestead exemption.
H1.G.2. Investigate housing subsidy program option for workers (current and retired) fulfilling necessary government functions	Medium-term	There is no formal implementation underway but in practice the Town has provided housing subsidies for its recent executive level hires and that practice is expected to continue going forward
H1.I.1. In partnership with other municipalities, participate in review and update of current affordable housing legislation	Ongoing	Town Council passed resolution to ask the State to allow up to 140% AMI to count on the LMIH Chart for New Shoreham (2022)
H2.A.1. Foster public private partnerships to address seasonal workforce housing needs	Short-term	Private property/business owners have received approvals to construct additional seasonal workforce housing within the last several years. Ordinance to permit dormitory style housing - Planning Board has discussed/drafting.
H2.A.2. Advance zoning measures to facilitate the provision of seasonal workforce housing by the private sector	Short-term	The Planning Board discussed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to add dormitory style housing as permitted use. The matter is currently tabled. Private developers have recently used the use "inn" and "513s" to get seasonal workforce housing approved.
H2.A.3. Conduct an education and outreach campaign to raise awareness about seasonal workforce housing needs; encourage owners to rent rooms to seasonal workers	Ongoing	Seasonal workforce housing layer created in GIS; Planning Board reviewing/drafting zoning amendments for dormitory style housing for seasonal workers, and 513 accessory apartments (2021-ongoing) Private property/business owners have received approvals to construct additional seasonal workforce housing within the last several years.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Economic Development planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Economic Development Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
ED1.B.1. Identify and offer quality real-world training opportunities and programs to students	Ongoing	The school has an internship program that is a requirement of graduation. This allows Juniors and Seniors to explore real-world jobs and training. There is a new program being developed for students that focuses on wind-farm technology.
ED1.F.3. Investigate options to offer no-cost or low-cost leasing options of conserved lands to farmers	Medium-term	BILT has an agreement with an island farmer on one or more of its properties. Potential for such agreements are addressed in the Land Trust's Land Management Policy.
ED1.G.1. Never permit uses such as heavy manufacturing or commercial gambling that would destroy the character of the island	Ongoing	Not permitted.
ED1.I.1. Permit affordable year-round rental housing and homeownership opportunities throughout the island	Ongoing	Major subdivision of the Block Island Housing Board approved by Planning Board - Cherry Hill Lane - affordable single family ownership units created; and 4 rental units at Harbor Church
ED1.K.1. Establish island-wide reliable high-speed internet connection	Short-term	The Town is currently in the process of implementing the island-wide fiber broadband network (BroadbandBI) and it is expected to be operational this year.
ED2.A.1. Control access to the beaches in a way that protects dunes and bluffs from damage	Ongoing	Dune Protection Ordinance adopted 1/2019; dune walkover structures installed
ED2.A.2. Identify and promote tourist activities for the "shoulder" and off seasons, specifically those which emphasize individual and quality experiences rather than those designed to attract large numbers of visitors	Ongoing	Glass Float project specifically aimed at starting in Shoulder season, promotion of birding and other off season activities ongoing. Trail runs and other small events in shoulder season.

ED2.A.3. Consider establishing a sustainable tourism certificate program for island businesses	Long-term	The Tourism Council is establishing a Sustainable Tourism Report for all of Block Island that will be completed by year end 2022.
ED2.B.1. Provide improved access to beaches and trails, and increase availability of amenities such as bicycle racks, restrooms, benches, informational materials and signage	Long-term	Received RIDEM Open Space Grant that will improve shoreline access at Andy's Way. The new public boardwalk has been constructed and the width will allow transport of small watercraft.

Partially implemented actions within the Economic Development Element are listed along with their status within the table below.

ED1.A.5. Conduct a review of the current zoning ordinance and map to identify potentially suitable additional areas where commercial uses would be appropriate	Short-term	On list of upcoming Zoning Amendments to be drafted/considered within the next 2-3 years
ED1.C.2. Take measures to control the costs of freight and electricity	Ongoing	Solar included on municipal properties (School/Medical Center), updated solar ordinance to provide more flexibility.
ED1.D.1. Foster the establishment of a downtown merchants association and other local business associations	Short-term	Discussions had with Chamber members, lack of interest in joining another organization (dues), did not see benefit, not of high priority to responsible parties.
ED1.D.2. Establish a program to ensure the installation of consistent amenities including but not limited to benches and bicycle racks	Short-term	Additional benches added in the downtown parks. A third park added, Nicholas Ball Park, which has 6 benches, a water filling station, game table, bike racks, additional gardens, additional signage (both directional sign and historic sign). At Mary D Park, added garden at corner by Surf Hotel and the town added wooden bike racks at south end of the park. This past year the OHTF applied to the BI Solar Initiative for a grant to purchase 5 sets of solar powered trash cans for the downtown area.

ED1.I.2. Identify potential locations for seasonal workforce housing	Short-term	Seasonal workforce housing layer created in GIS; Planning Board reviewing/drafting zoning amendments for dormitory style housing for seasonal workers, and 513 accessory apartments (2021-ongoing). Private property/business owners have received approvals to construct additional seasonal workforce housing within the last several years.
ED2.D.1. Schedule regular meetings with organizations and agencies involved in tourism to increase communication	Ongoing	Tourism provides annual reports to the Town Council and is willing to meet more regularly. Other priorities and COVID impacted the ability to meet formally regularly.

Additional actions, such as examples below, have not been implemented mostly due to limited available staffing to complete the tasks or the action was not the highest priority.

ED1.F.1. Amend zoning to encourage agritourism activities and the production of value-added agricultural products	Short-term	Limited active agricultural operations; not a high priority
ED2.B.1. Implement a consistent and distinctly Block Island wayfinding signage program to help visitors find local services, facilities, landmarks and attractions (T1.E.3.)	Medium-term	Not implemented due to difficulty in coming to agreement on design, costly, but still a priority of Tourism Council. Historic sign in Nicholas Ball Park installed by OHTF.
ED2.C.1. Identify and map significant viewsheds and enact land use regulations to provide protection	Medium-term	Not completed yet - limited time/other priorities

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Services and Facilities planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Service and Facilities Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
SF1.A.2. Undertake efforts to maintain and improve the long term viability of the public school system in response to reduced enrollment, including a plan to expand education on the island	Ongoing	Declining enrollment over the next couple of years is a concern. Need to follow with School Department regarding status of this action.
SF2.D.4. Make necessary upgrades to the transfer station including drainage improvements and improved processing capabilities	Long-term	Drainage improvements completed in 2019.
SF1.B.1. Include costs of necessary and significant improvements to town facilities in the capital budget	Ongoing	Improvements to town facilities are included within the Town's capital budget.
SF2.B.3. Update Island Energy plan to reflect recent BIPCO purchase and off-shore wind farm.	Short-term	Not completed.
SF2.D.2. Launch composting program and public education campaign	Short-term	Posters advertising a composting bin program were prepared and posted at the Transfer Station.
SF2.D.3. Provide incentives to residents to compost and increase recycling efforts	Ongoing	Posters advertising a composting bin program were prepared and posted at the Transfer Station.
SF1.C.2. Increase telemedicine opportunities	Short-term	Step one of providing telemedicine opportunities was completed in March 2019, with activation of the CAI Network, which serves Block Island Health services (Medical Center). Step two will be complete with completion of BroadbandBI (EDI.K.I), which will be available to serve all Block Island residences.
SF2.C.1. Implement plans to provide improved facilities including a welcome center at New Harbor for visitors arriving by personal watercraft	Long-term	The Overlook property along the Great Salt Pond has been acquired by the Town and Harbor facilities are planned for the site.

SF1.E.1. Communicate public safety needs to the State including a potential need for additional State Police presence during summer months	Short-term	The Town and the State Police have been actively discussing public safety needs of Block Island. State police will be providing officers for the 2022 season.
SF1.B.2. Explore reuse and rehabilitation of existing town structures for identified community needs	Short-term	The Town is currently exploring the reuse of Town properties for critically needed affordable housing.
SF1.D.2. Promote and permit the development of appropriately located assisted living housing and transportation services	Long-term	Transportation for seniors - program exist. The need for assisted living and potential options are being discussed as part of the larger affordable housing issue (i.e. caretaker apartments)

A concern over the lack of available water to be allocated for new development has been raised by the Block Island Water Commission. The extreme change in demand due to seasonal users poses challenges for system operation. The Town is in the process of undertaking studies and investing in infrastructure upgrades to address the situation. The Town may review and make amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to address the issue.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Transportation planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Transportation Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

T1.A.2. Continue to undertake maintenance activities necessary to preserve safe and adequate docks	Ongoing	Dock repair at Former Coast Guard Station scheduled for near future.
T2.A.4. Undertake a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan to address user safety and overall mobility	Medium-term	Island wide plan not completed. Corn Neck Road Transportation Resiliency Plan includes bicycle/pedestrian accommodations/improvements.
T1.A.1. Adopt an airport hazard overlay zoning district to ensure land use compatibility in the vicinity of the state airport (per the requirements of RIGL 1-3-5 Airport Zoning Act)	Short-term	Met with RIAC to discuss a potential local Airport Hazard Overlay Ordinance, the status of implementation of Airport Overlay Zoning in other local communities, and RIAC's Airport Land Use Compatibility Guidebook. Reviewed guidebook and acquired the mapping data of the Airport Hazard Area Zones from RIAC. Acquired and reviewed the Westerly ordinance and Middletown's draft ordinance. Local ordinance not drafted.
T2.A.3. Require installation of benches and bicycle racks when reviewing substantial development projects	Ongoing	Not specifically required within local regulations.
T1.D.2. Explore establishing a fee-in-lieu system to support the development and maintenance of satellite parking areas as an alternative to requiring on-site parking Downtown	Long-term	Parking available at the School in the summer.
T2.C.1. Explore ways to provide transit options for the disabled and seniors	Long-term	Seniors/Disabled and their caregivers - Ride On- Demand Taxi Service Subsidy - started in 2019. The Town worked with RIPTA to design a fixed route service and public meetings were held. Ultimately, the service was provided by the taxi companies in 2021. RIPTA vehicles would be better able to accommodate disabled passengers.
T2.A.5. Submit bicycle and sidewalk projects for inclusion in the State's Transportation Improvement Program and local Capital Improvement Program	Ongoing	Sidewalk projects are included in the State TIP. New sidewalks were installed along West Side Road.

T2.A.2. Work with partners to install additional sidewalks and bicycle racks in and around Downtown	Ongoing	Sidewalks for Chapel street are a priority (on TIP) and OHTF has added bike racks in two of the parks in Old Harbor. Tourism Council has provided 10 bike racks in the last few years.
T2.B.1. Work with RIDOT to design bicycle and pedestrian paths that are congruent with the island's rural character	Ongoing	The BILT is currently working with partners (BIC and TNC) on an ongoing initiative to address dangerous trail conditions and make improvements to trails where needed.
T1.H.1. Evaluate each road currently or potentially impacted by sea-level rise or flooding to determine appropriate actions to limit impacts to the community	Long-term	The newly formed Sea Level Rise Committee is discussing vulnerable roadways and potential actions. The Town has a plan for Corn Neck Road and has had initial discussions with the State on need for funding to make that state road more resilient. 2017 Corn Neck Road Resiliency Study completed by VHB. Grant application submitted in 2022 for funding for nature-based solutions to improve resiliency for Corn Neck Road.
T2.E.2. Explore viability of a limited fixed route seasonal jitney bus service to provide access to main attractions for visitors addressing first a connection between Old and New Harbor	Medium-term	The Town worked with RIPTA to design a fixed route service and public meetings were held. Ultimately, the service was provided by the taxi companies in 2021. A second offer from RIPTA to provide fixed route service was declined by the Town in 2022.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Natural Hazards planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Natural Hazards and Climate Change Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
NHC1.C.2. Establish a committee responsible for reviewing progress on implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and activities resulting in CRS credit and other mitigation projects related to potential impacts of sea level rise	Medium-term	A committee has been formed to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Sea Level Rise Committee has been established by the Town Council.
NHC2.A.1. Establish a process to directly contact special populations such as those who are particularly vulnerable due to location, age or infirmity, to ensure their understanding of procedures prior to and following a storm event	Short-term	Code Red was implemented.
NHC1.B.2. Install public walkover structures at the Town Beach to discourage traversing the fragile dunes (NR3.B.3.)	Short-term	Completed
NHC1.A.4. Conduct a planning study of Corn Neck Road to identify alternatives to mitigate future impacts from storms and climate change (T1.H.2.)	Short-term	Completed in 2017 by VHB using CDBG-DR Hurricane Sandy grant funding. Exploring implementing.
NHC1.A.1. Complete an assessment of the potential impacts to public structures and infrastructure resulting from projected sea-level rise	Medium-term	Designated RIIB's MRP Resilient Rhody Community. Workshop/Community Resilience Building Workshop conducted in 2021. SLR Committee formed in 2021 and is actively continuing this assessment.
NHC.1.B.4. Evaluate the potential impacts of sea-level rise on public sewer infrastructure and potential inundation of onsite wastewater treatment systems	Medium-term	Discussed and on list of priorities for evaluation.
NHC.1.B.5. Investigate options to mitigate flooding along Beach and Ocean Avenues and its impacts on public safety buildings and services	Medium-term	Discussed and on list of priorities for evaluation.

NHC1.A.3. Evaluate current zoning and land use regulations related to future impacts from climate change and sea level rise	Medium-term	Discussed and on list of priorities for evaluation.
NHC1.B.1. Work with the land trust and other stakeholder to identify and protect from development low-lying land vulnerable to impacts from flooding and sea level rise and areas adjacent to coastal wetlands susceptible to increased inundation due to sea level rise	Ongoing	Discussed and on list of priorities for evaluation.
NHC.1.B.3. Implement green infrastructure stormwater management strategies to enhance infiltration and increase retention on town properties and road right-of-ways	Long-term	Discussions with state partners for opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure on town properties. Requested assistance through RIIB free technical assistance opportunity in 2022 for Block Island Housing development. Limited town road right-of-way opportunities (mostly private/state roads)
NHC1.D.1. Assess the feasibility of burying power lines particularly in scenic and high risk areas and when road construction is planned	Medium-term	Not yet assessed.
NHC2.A.2. Collaborate with agencies monitoring the impacts of climate change with efforts such as documenting high tide events, storm flooding impacts, bluff erosion and impacts on species	Ongoing	The Sea Level Rise Committee has been regularly inviting guests including state agencies and experts in the field to their public meetings to learn and collaborate.
NHC1.C.1. Apply for funding to assist in implementing projects identified in the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan	Ongoing	TNS Hazard Mitigation Plan Update funding awarded through BRIC - Plan Update process to commence March 2022
NHC2.B.1. Undertake actions that qualify the town for advanced FEMA CRS scoring	Short-term	Town gained entrance to CRS in 2018 at a Class 8 and have continued to receive annual recertification. Reword action and change to ongoing to maintain status in next Comp Plan update.
NHC1.A.2. Include in the capital improvement program projects required to mitigate threats to infrastructure and properties	Ongoing	Yes, for example, Corn Neck Road resiliency added to CIP.

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Land Use planning.

Accomplishments in implementing actions listed within the Land Use Element are demonstrated within the status column of the following table.

Actions	Timeframe	Status
LU1.C.2. Review Flexible Subdivision Design (conservation-style) to ensure regulations will result in desired development and open space set aside outcomes	Short-term	On list of upcoming Zoning Amendments to be drafted/considered within the next 2-3 years
LU1.D.1. Undertake a review of all mixed use and commercial zones with possible amendments to their definitions, allowed uses, dimensional requirements and district boundaries	Short-term	On list of upcoming Zoning Amendments to be drafted/considered within the next 2-3 years
LU1.G.2. Review regulations for parking and pedestrian access in both the zoning and subdivision regulations, and consider amendments to allow flexibility in parking requirements and to strengthen provisions for sidewalks and pathways as part of new development in the village and transitional areas	Medium-term	Regulations have not yet been reviewed. However, the OHTF report to the TC recommended designated parking areas for mopeds so that they do not take up entire parking space, planning for a parking garage, adding sidewalks on Chapel Street and continued police presence to assist with directing traffic (especially when boats arrive)
LU1.F.1. Amend zoning ordinance to be consistent with applicable state and federal requirements pertaining to airport hazards	Short-term	Reviewed RIAC documents and maps, as well as other communities' ordinances. Local ordinance has not been drafted yet.

Additional land use actions related to amendments to the subdivision regulations or zoning regulations have not yet been implemented due to other regulatory work being of higher priority and limited staffing to complete the extensive number of actions identified.

Other

Please list any comprehensive plan elements unique to your community and summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for these elements.

The Town of New Shoreham Comprehensive Plan includes an element dedicated to the Great Salt Pond. The following is a summary of the status of the implementation actions contained within the Great Salt Pond Element.

GSP2.A.2. Consider offering public restroom and shower facilities, dingy dockage, and storage lockers for New Harbor	Medium-term	Partially implemented. Installation of a public dinghy dock in 2018 (floating L shaped dock accommodating about 100 vessels located by Dead Eye Dicks in New Harbor)
GSP2.A.3. Determine new location for Harbormaster's Office in the vicinity of New Harbor	Short-term	Town acquired property on Great Salt Pond in 2022 and plans to develop harbormaster office on the property
GSP2.A.4. Establish and maintain a reserve fund dedicated to public improvements for New Harbor	Short-term	The Town has funded planning study of New Harbor (to commence Summer 2022), entered into a partnership to provide public dinghy dock facilities in New Harbor, worked with RI DOT to install sidewalks along West Side Road to ensure safer pedestrian access as well as participated in the acquisition of the Overlook property to provide a site for future public improvements – using capital tax, debt issuance and outside funding for these rather than a reserve fund.
GSP2.A.6. Install kiosk that provides information to boaters including the annual Harbor's Guide and a map of the attractions and services surrounding the Great Salt Pond	Medium-term	Completed
GSP3.B.2. Seek CRMC approval of locally adopted Harbor Management Plan; keep Harbor Management Plan current through future updates	Short-term	Harbor Management Plan Update was submitted to CRMC, comments were received and addressed and Final Plan was resubmitted in 2022.
GSP3.C.1. Maintain an inventory of public right-of-ways to the shore and disseminate a map to residents and visitors	Ongoing	Inventory is complete, public map not disseminated

GSP3.D.1. Explore options for the repurposing of the former Coast Guard Station	Short-term	Conversations continue regarding long-term use; Request for Interest was prepared, necessary upgrades for town employee housing are being assessed
GSP3.E.1. Support the Shellfish Commission and other organizations in their efforts to develop aquaculture projects and expand shellfish and finfish resources	Ongoing	Shellfish Commission is starting a soft-shell clam initiative and is focusing on an invasive green crab initiative which involves trapping, uses for the green crabs once captured, and identifying ways to reduce the population to minimize impact on the local shellfish populations