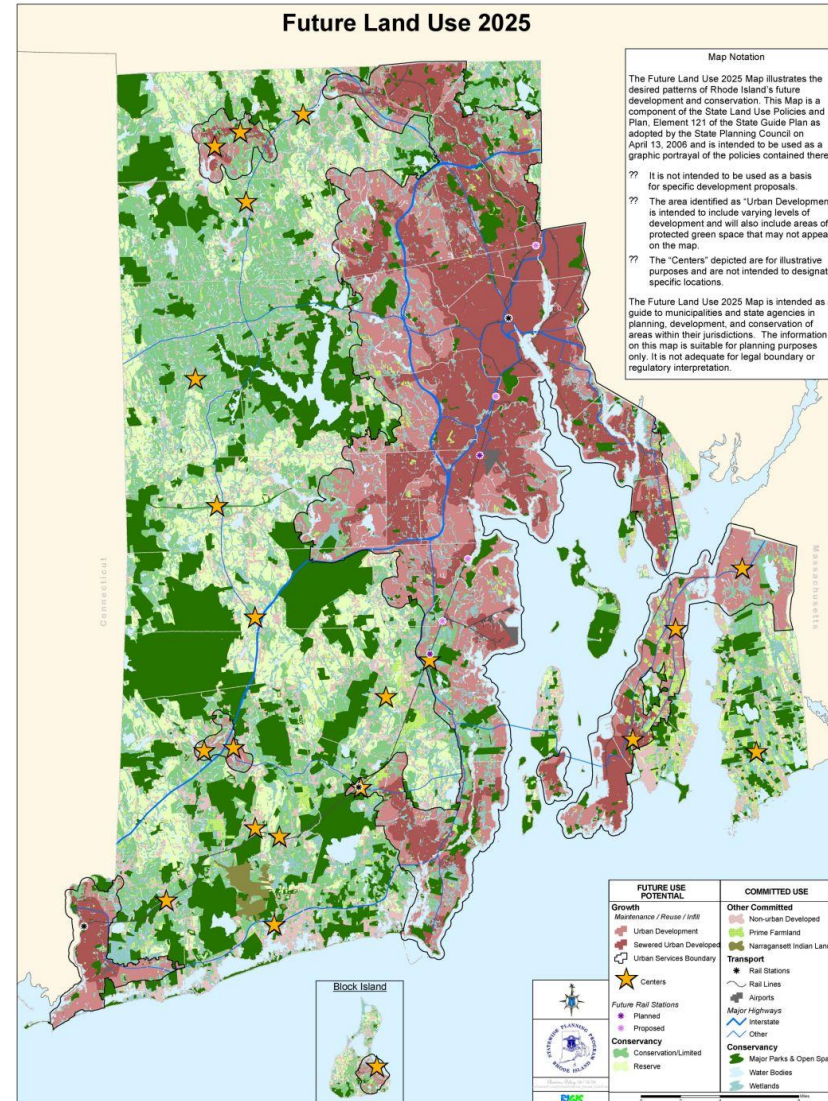




Implementing Your Municipal Comprehensive Plan: Best Practices Discussion

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Implementing Your Municipal Comprehensive Plan

- Today's discussion will include:
 - Examples of how to link projects with goals and action items in your Comprehensive Plan so they get implemented
 - Examples from municipal planners on past projects successes stemming from a comprehensive planning process
 - Roundtable discussion on implementation successes and challenges
 - But before we get to that.....

**REMINDER ! You MUST File a
5 Year Implementation
Status Report !**



Why Do We Have to File a Status Report?



- In 2011 revisions were made to the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulations Act. A major change was that State approvals were extended from 5 years to 10 years. Also added was a new requirement for an implementation report.
- Municipalities are now required to submit an; “Informational report on the status of the comprehensive plan implementation program with the Division of Planning not more than five (5) years from the date of municipal approval” (§ 45-22.2-12).
- Ensures municipalities are assessing progress toward achieving actions identified in their implementation program

Why Do We Have to File a Status Report?



Report Format?

- The RI Division of Statewide Planning has developed a template report available to municipalities
- You DO NOT need to use this template
- Municipalities can submit the Implementation Report in any format they want

Implementation-Report-Template.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Reader DC (32-bit)

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Community: _____

When Was Your Comprehensive Plan Approved? _____

Name and Contact Information of Staff Members(s) Providing Responses:

Comprehensive Plan Narrative Report:

Natural Resources

Please summarize implementation accomplishments and impediments for Natural Resources planning.

Open Space and Recreation

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

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What Does This Report Template Consist Of?

- Narrative sections of 250 words or less per each Comprehensive Plan element.
- Fillable word boxes
- Identification of issues/impediments that have arisen with implementation efforts
 - Timing
 - Budgeting
 - Political support
 - Zoning hurdles
 - Lack of staff capacity





Division of Statewide Planning Rhode Island's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

GOOGLE TRANSLATE

- Home
- RI Census 2020
- Staff & Committees
- Planning Areas
- Resources
- STIP
- Public Participation
- State Guide Plan
- Water Resources

HOME / LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING / [SUBMIT A PLAN FOR REVIEW](#)

Five-Year Implementation Reports

The Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act (the Act), requires municipalities to submit an “informational report on the status of the comprehensive plan implementation program with the Division of Planning not more than five (5) years from the date of municipal approval” (§ 45-22.2-12).” The purpose of this report to ensure that municipalities are assessing their progress toward achieving the actions identified in their Plan’s implementation program. In conducting this assessment, it is hoped that any “mid-course corrections” would be identified and appropriate amendments adopted. Filing this report with the Division of Statewide Planning also allows us to look for areas where we could offer communities technical assistance.

The Act does not specify how this report should be presented. As an aid, the Division has developed a suggested reporting template. The template does not preclude municipalities from developing their own reporting format. Communities are free to use the template along with, or in place of, any other relevant reports and reporting tools.

- [Implementation-Report-Instructions](#)
- [Implementation-Report-Template](#)

Five-Year Implementation Reports Received

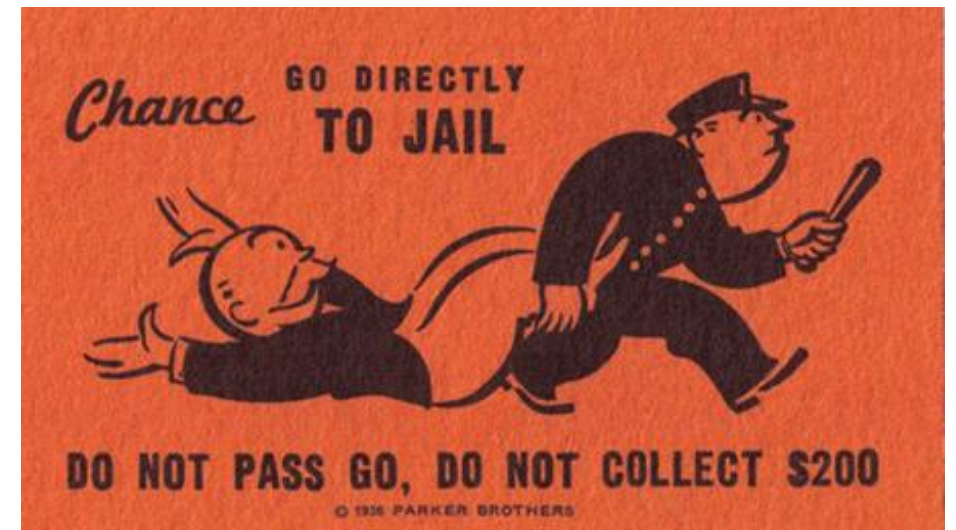
Quick Links

- Overview
- RI Comp. Planning and Land Use Regulation Act
- Comprehensive Planning Standards and Guidance
- Planning Resources
- Five Year Implementation Reports
- Comprehensive Plans and State Approval Status
- Comprehensive Plans Under



Do We Get Penalized If We Have Already Exceeded the 5 Year Reporting Deadline ?

- Several municipal Comprehensive Plans have already hit the 5-year mark
- Although the Implementation Report is required by law, **there is no penalty** for failing to comply
- We want to know about your Comp Plan successes so please tell us!





What are the Benefits of a 5-Year Implementation Report?

- Helps the Division of Statewide Planning to provide tailored workshops, training, and technical assistance to support municipalities
- Helps communities benchmark success and identify areas for improvement
- Keeps the Comprehensive Plan relevant as a source for everyday decision-making and programming

Now for Implementation Examples !

- We are going to quickly discuss some examples of Implementation Successes tied to projects, goals, or actions included in a Town Comprehensive Plan.
 - Cumberland - Josh O'Neill
 - Burrillville/North Smithfield – Tom Kravitz
 - Warwick – Dan Geagan

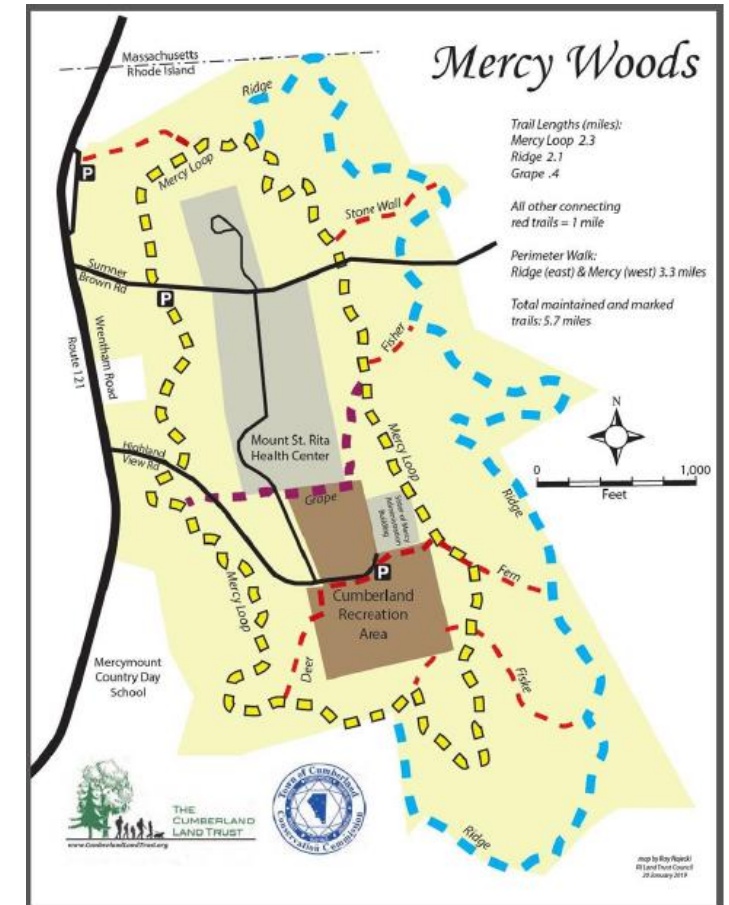
Josh O'Neill

- Wrote the 2016 Town of Cumberland Comprehensive Plan
 - Worked to make sure that the Town's open space and trail network priorities and actions were clearly articulated in the Comprehensive Plan
 - During the drafting of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, the Town was negotiating a land deal that would preserve over 200 acres of forests and fields adjacent to the Diamond Hill Reservoir to further the goals of the Town's greenway planning
 - Open Space Element Goal 1:
 - ***"Acquire more open space for passive recreation."***



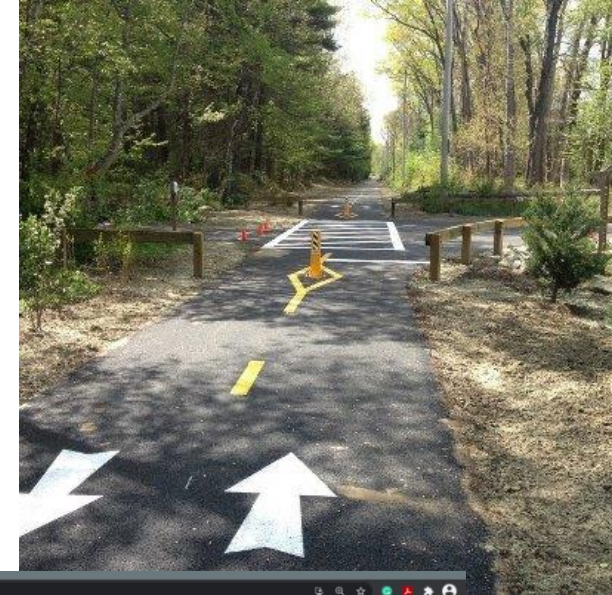
Cumberland - Mercy Woods

- As we were finishing the Comprehensive Plan in 2016, we were already working on implementing our Open Space goals and actions with a land purchase.
- Cumberland applied and was awarded a \$400,000 DEM Open Space grant and a \$295,000 Champlin Foundation grant for a 229-acre conservation land purchase called “Mercy Woods”.
- Over a period of six months in 2017, the Cumberland Planning Department drafted a conservation and management plan for a property the Town did not yet own.
- Process was completed in 2018 but grew out of planning and discussions during the Comprehensive Plan drafting process and became our first major success in implementing the 2016 Town Comprehensive Plan.



Tom Kravitz

- Burrillville Town Planner 01'-16'
 - 2 Comp plan updates
 - Implementation - Harrisville, Pascoag
 - Bike path, Commerce Park.
- North Smithfield Town Planner 16'-present
 - 1 Comp plan update
 - Implementation - Branch Village, Economic Development Infill.
 - \$150 million Route 146 Project



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 SUBCONSULTANT: _____

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Route 146 Interchange at Pound Hill Road
North Smithfield, Rhode Island
KEY PLAN

BETA JOB NO. 7388
 ISSUE DATE 10/26/2021
 SHEET NO. 4





Dan Geagan

- Warwick Planner
 - Warwick Comprehensive Plan
- Implementation Successes
 - The Coronado Road Pedestrian Enhancement Project
 - City Centre Warwick Design Manual
 - Oakland Beach Shoreline Restoration





PARKING ANALYSIS		
AREA	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Main Parking Lot	16	15
Strand Avenue	7	9
Pump Station (Future Parking)	0	7
	23	31

Scale = 1"=20'-0"

0 20 40 80 (IN FEET)

OAKLAND BEACH SHORELINE RESTORATION
Seaview Drive and Strand Avenue
Schematic Alternative #4



City of Warwick RI
Planning Department

Fishing Pier

PART VI THE FUTURE CITY

"We have found Warwick to be a city with a great deal to offer and having a tremendous potential to improve upon its existing amenities." -WARWICK RESIDENT

- 9 Continue efforts to include a signature public open space at Rocky Point and enhance other open space areas. Pursue funding to enhance places like Chepiwanoxet and Barton's Farm.





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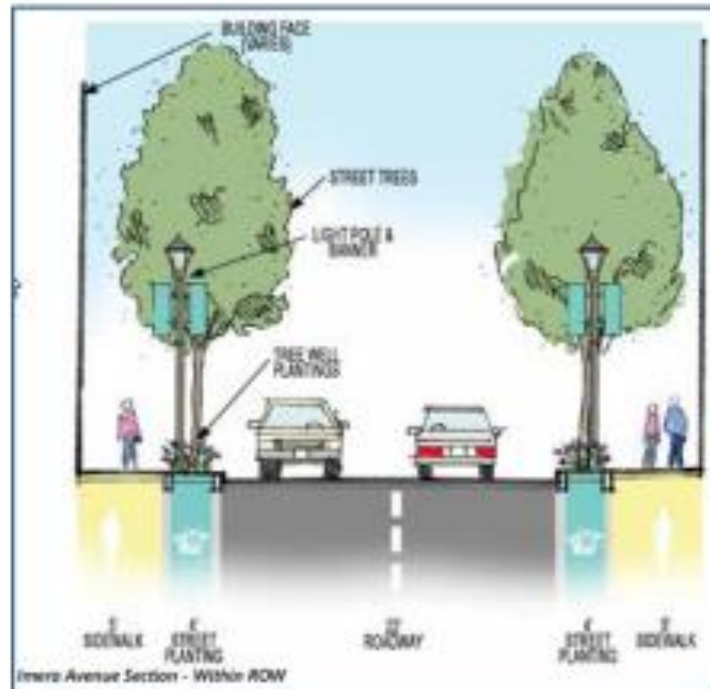
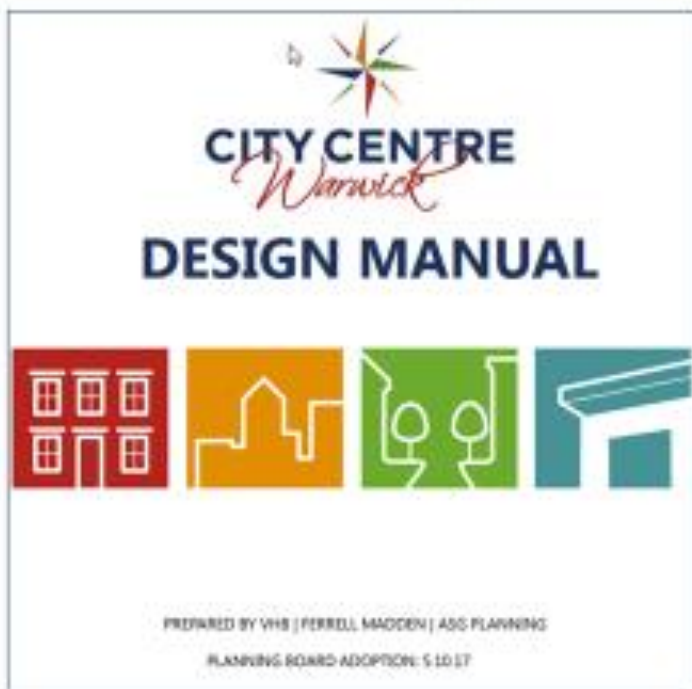
Pontiac Mills



Chapter 12—Future Land Use, Zoning, and Urban Design

High Priority **Short-term actions (2013–2018)** **Medium-term actions (2019–2023)** **Long-term actions (2024 and beyond)**

GOAL	WHAT	HOW	WHO	WHEN	RESOURCES
3. City Center Warwick (formerly known as WSDD) is a major center of compact, higher-density transit-oriented development.	A. Ensure that public improvements and private development in the City Center Warwick will be designed for a live-work-play environment, based on the district master plan.	HIGH PRIORITY 1. Create a design manual for public improvements.	Planning	Short term	Grant funding
		HIGH PRIORITY 2. Create a design manual for private site and building design.	Planning	Short term	Grant funding



DO: Design your façade to have a rhythmic pattern of bays, using architectural detailing, articulation, or expression lines.

DO: Raise the first floor of a residential building several feet above the sidewalk.





Avis Car Rental

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Hertz

Hyatt Place Warwick/
Providence Airport

TF Green Airport

Jefferson Blvd

Fullerton Rd

Andy's Audio
& Auto Electric

Drum Rock Specialty

Glenham Ave

Montebello Rd





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Open Discussion !

- In what ways have you been able to successfully implement your Town Comprehensive Plan?
- In what ways have you faced impediments to implementing the major goals of your Town Comprehensive Plan?
- How could the RI Division of Statewide Planning help communities work toward plan implementation?





Questions?

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