

1. Regulatory Actions

Code	Regulatory Actions	Purpose	Action Agent	Status
LUR 1 & H 1	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to create a new zoning district in the northwest quadrant (Shippeetown area: west of Shippeetown Road, south of Crompton Road, and north of Middle Road) by changing the current zoning from Commercial (CH) and Farming (F2) to Residential Mixed Use (MUPD) Zoning District.	This is part of the implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan. This rezoning, with its higher density, is intended to encourage development of housing that will have a minimum of 20% in affordable units.	Town Council	It was assumed that an up-zoning for higher density as described would incentivize affordable unit production in the referenced area which was a key component of the affordable housing plan. However, a significant uptick over the last four years in Comprehensive Permit submissions may make this re-zoning action less necessary. Projects currently under review in East Greenwich contain 201 deed-restricted affordable units which would seem to take the pressure off this northwest quadrant to bear the brunt of our AH requirement. Thus the Town intends to re-visit and update the Housing Chapter of the CCP before considering this amendment.
LUR 2, ED 3, ED 7, H 2, CT 1-4, & CT 3-1	Create mixed use and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoned areas in the vicinity of the proposed commuter rail facility.	This action has two purposes. It is part of the Housing Element and Economic Development. Its purpose is to promote higher density housing in the vicinity of the proposed Commuter Rail Station. The TOD will enhance pedestrian movement between the rail station, the proposed housing, and services on Main Street.	Town Council	Shortly after adoption of the EG CCP, the Town was notified by the RIDOT that a rail station in East Greenwich was not a priority and was unlikely to happen at all/definitely would not happen in the 10-year timeframe of the Plan. Any associated rezoning around commuter rail is thus on hold, at best - and likely will be abandoned as a concept.
LUR 3 & H 4	Amend Sections 260-98 and 99 of the Zoning Ordinance to change the required 15 % affordable housing to 20% affordable housing.	The purpose of this zoning amendment is to raise the requirement to 20% in order to achieve affordable housing goals of the Town.	Town Council	Done - Shortly after Plan adoption, the Town started work on two affordable housing related ordinances which were ultimately recommended by the Planning Board and adopted by the Town Council. See local Ordinances 845 and 870.
LUR 4, LUS 1, LUA 3, NR 2, & NR 7	Study and evaluate the possibility of amending the Zoning Ordinance to include an Aquifer Protection Overlay District.	The purpose of this action is to protect surface and groundwater quality, especially in the Hunt River and Hunt River aquifer recharge areas, and in Greenwich Cove.	Town Council. This amendment can be inserted in Article X "Aquifer/Wellhead Regulations (§260-45 through §260-54)."	No action taken to date.
LUR 6, NR 3, & CT 5-2	Amend the Subdivision Regulations to reflect Low Impact Development (LID) standards in accordance with the Site Planning and Design Guidance Manual.	The purpose of this action is to work with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID principles include preserving and/or recreating natural landscape features and minimizing effective imperviousness to create functional and appealing site drainage that treat stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product. Applied on a broad scale, LID can maintain or restore a watershed's hydrologic and ecological functions.	Planning Board	No action taken to date.

LUR 7 & NR 5	Amend the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to enact a "Conservation Development" Ordinance.	The purpose of this action is to encourage conservation development techniques of single-family dwellings at existing densities as a means of preserving the maximum amount of open space possible, and ensuring access to open space from residential areas.	Town Council for the Zoning Ordinance and Planning Board for Subdivision Regulations.	No action taken to date.
LUR 8 & SF 3	Study and evaluate the possibility of adopting a Groundwater Overlay Ordinance for inclusion in the Zoning Ordinance to minimize adverse impacts on groundwater quality.	The purpose of this action is to protect drinking water quality from the potential adverse effects of discharge to groundwater and interconnected surface waters.	Town Council. This amendment can be inserted in Article X "Aquifer/Wellhead Regulations (§260-45 through §260-54)."	No action taken to date.
LUR 9	Divide the existing Commercial Highway District (CH) zone into two: Commercial Highway District 1 (CH1) and Commercial Highway District 2 (CH2).	The purposes of this action are to differentiate between neighborhood type commercial, which are appropriate to Route 1; and highway oriented commercial which are appropriate to Route 2 and like areas.	Town Council	No action taken to date.
LUR 10 & ED 5	Change the Lillibridge Plat to a mixed-use zone, such as Commercial Highway 1 (CH1), that would allow residential to continue along with appropriate commercial uses	The purpose of this action is to recognize that the residential nature of Post Road has eroded for many decades, and pressures to change to commercial through zoning variances are less desirable than a planned change to a mixed use zone.	Town Council	An Ordinance was drafted in March, 2019 and then reviewed by the Planning Board. Draft is being revised/refined for further consideration and elevation to the Town Council for adoption.
LUR 11, ED 2, ED 5, & HC 3	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to expand the Waterfront District, while maintaining the historic overlay, to include all properties within the East Greenwich waterfront.	The purpose of this action is to consolidate waterfront properties into one Waterfront District, from the railroad tracks to water's edge, and to provide uniform standards and predictability of uses. Any resulting ordinances should include mixed uses, and may accommodate vulnerabilities attributed to sea level rise. Presently there are several parcels that are zoned a mixture of R-4, CD, and other zones.	Town Council	The Town Council is commissioning a waterfront plan to be prepared by outside consultants and to be adopted as a neighborhood element of the Comprehensive Plan. It was agreed that a comprehensive analysis of waterfront and water-dependent land uses was needed as an intermediate step before any re-zoning. Plan preparation is in the current year budget.
LUR 12 & ED 5	Support a zone change for the area known as Frenchtown Commons from residential to commercial.	The purpose of this action is to allow commercial development at this site.	Town Council	Done - The zone change was accomplished via local Ordinance 832 in 2014.
LUR 13	Create a new Public Zoning District whose purpose will be to provide locations for uses that support local, state, and federal government buildings and facilities.	The purpose of this action is to encompass the civic, cultural, recreational, health, educational, and infrastructure aspects of the Town, and to accommodate large-scale public facilities.	Town Council	No action taken to date.

LUR 14 & NR 6	Consider a Town ordinance that designates certain roads under the Scenic Roads program.	The purpose of this action is to retain semi-rural character through preserving farms, open fields, wetlands, and wooded areas by designating scenic roadways and protect views of and from these routes.	Town Council	No action taken to date.
NR 7, LUR 4, LUS 1, LUA 2, & LUA 3	Amend the Subdivision Regulations to require an evaluation of cumulative impacts when the Planning Board reviews new development proposals.	The purpose of this action is to address the cumulative impact of development on wetlands, marginal soils, streams, and those areas within the proposed Aquifer Protection Overlay District.	Planning Board	The Planning Board continues to discuss the best way to accomplish this goal but no formal amendments have been drafted to date.
CT 5-1 & CT 1-2	Amend the parking ordinance to update design requirements for parking facilities to include landscaping, buffering, handicapped accessibility, and lighting.	The purpose of this action is to ensure that parking facilities support economic development while complementing Town character.	Town Council	The Town last engaged outside traffic engineers to assess local parking requirements per local zoning against existing land uses back in 2005. The Town's regulatory boards in conjunction with the Town Council agreed that a new parking analysis - including a review of on- and off-street parking supply as well as a comprehensive assessment of land use changes that impact demand - should be conducted before any Ordinance revisions are considered.
NH 1	Implement pertinent actions from the four categories in the Action Plan.	The purpose of this action is to plan for natural hazards and climate change.	Town Manager and Town Staff	On-going - the Town has taken several actions, including preparing facility-specific resiliency plans for certain public facilities like the wastewater plant; has started to acquire an energy efficient fleet of town vehicles and installed charging stations for electric vehicles in the municipal parking lot; etc.

2. Capital Improvements

Code	Capital Improvement Actions	Purpose	Acting Agent	Status
NR 1, OS 3, OS 8, & LUA 2	Set aside annual appropriations as available and secure funding from other sources to acquire land, easements, or development rights, and build up the Municipal Land Trust.	The purpose of this action is to increase the acreage dedicated to open space.	Town Council	The Town has been building up a funding pool by creating an "Open Space" category within our Residential Fair Share Development Impact Fees for permanent open space acquisition protection and/or acquisition of conservation easements and development rights. Over the last three year period, the Town acquired 127 acres of conserved open space (6 separate parcels) and entered into negotiations with two other land owners about acquiring development rights to their properties.
OS 1, OS 2, OS 6, SF 9, LUS 3, & LUS 4	Undertake an evaluation of playing fields, their utilization and general availability; develop a long-range plan for maintaining existing fields as well as additional fields; develop a physical and cost plan with a schedule for implementation.	The purpose of this action is to keep existing sites available for maximum use by Town residents.	Department of Parks & Recreation and the School Department.	The Town seasonally evaluates the playing fields and how they are utilized as part of the permitting process. The Town has a comprehensive program to reseed, close and rest fields each year. Routinely 6-9 fields are reseeded each year. A new fee structure has been implemented since 2017 to help keep teams for actually using what they say they need, as well as to start a funding mechanism for field improvements but it will take several years to accumulate enough funds to make a meaningful impact.
OS 2, SF 9, LUS 3, LUS 4, & LUA 1	Acquire additional playing fields and active recreation facilities, as funds become available, to meet the Town's growing needs.	The purpose of this action is to maintain and augment current Parks and Recreation facilities and services.	Department of Parks & Recreation.	The Town has not acquired any new active recreation sites but has made substantial investments in existing sites and amenities. Examples include the Fry Brook Recreation Park which received a nature / cross country trail in 2016 which includes an outdoor fitness area. Other additions since Comp Plan adoption include kayak storage racks and a handicap accessible launch as well as lights at Cragan Field to increase baseball playtime.
H 3	Acquire (by nonprofit housing developers, such as Cove Homes) properties which could become countable as LMI with requisite deed restrictions.	The purpose of this action is to increase the supply of affordable housing units.	East Greenwich Housing Authority.	The EGHA brought 10 units of affordable housing on line in 2015 and has current plans under review to build another 60 units of supportive affordable housing with partial funding from state housing tax credits. They do not currently have a funding stream to acquire and deed-restrict existing units.
H 5	Continue to build up the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whose principal source is the local CDBG funds.	The purpose of this action is to acquire and develop permanently affordable housing in the community.	Town Manager	The Town Council and Town Manager elected to withdraw East Greenwich from the Community Development Block Grant Program in 2017 although our public Housing Authority continues to be eligible for rehabilitation funds.

ED 1, ED 7, HC 3, CT 4-2 & CT 5-1	Implement the Downtown Plan with improvements to streetscape, lighting, street furniture, signage, bus shelters, the Odeum Theatre, and Town owned buildings, such as Town Hall and the Swift Community Center.	The purpose of this action is the continued revitalization of Downtown Main Street in order to maintain and enhance retail and employment opportunities for residents.	Town Manager and Planning Department.	On-going - the Town makes improvements as opportunities arise. Examples include taking advantage of a 2016 grant opportunity through the RI Commerce Corp to make physical improvements to the sidewalks and street trees on Main Street which improved aesthetics, handicap accessibility, tree health, and drainage. And in 2019, the Town completed major improvements to our historic Town Hall on Main Street with the help of an RIHPHC preservation grant.
ED 2, OS 7, CT 1-2, & LUR 11	Clarify access to the waterfront with improve signage, encourage water-dependent uses when the opportunity arises, and provide parking solutions.	The purpose of this action is to promote the waterfront as a unique place for restaurants and commercial fishing (including related commercial maritime activities), as well as residential and recreational uses.	Town Manager, Department of Public Works, and Town Solicitor.	The Town has started a waterfront planning process that will eventually be appended to or incorporated into our Comprehensive Plan. It will advise on appropriate waterfront and water dependent uses and recommend other specific amenities and improvements to the area.
ED 6, NR 1, & LUS 5	Purchase development rights for farms like Bailey's Farm, and permit farm stands by right.	The purpose of this action is to promote the continued presence and economic viability of working farms and provide continued opportunities for economic diversity in the Town, as well as protecting the Town's semi-rural character.	Town Council and Municipal Land Trust.	The Town has not purchased the referenced development rights but supports working farms in other ways, including owning an 80+ acre historic farmstead currently in food production use.
SF 7	Consider building a new Public Works garage and a Parks and Grounds garage facility, as funds become available and as needed.	The purpose of this action is to maintain and improve administrative offices including Public Works facilities and equipment and Parks and Recreation facilities.	Department of Public Works and Department of Parks & Recreation.	The Town completed a garage space needs assessment and has design money in the 2021 capital budget for this project.
CT 1-1 & CT 2-1	Improve the links between neighborhood streets to the west and the waterfront area to the east.	The purpose of this action is to promote greater cohesion and safety within the Town and among neighborhoods.	Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and Planning Board.	The waterfront planning project described above will address this goal.
CT 1-3, CT 3-2, & CT 2-3	Integrate neighborhoods, commercial areas, and recreational facilities with bikeways and walkways.	The purpose of this action is to promote greater use of bicycle and pedestrian travel and reduce dependence on the automobile.	Department of Public Works.	On-going - as noted elsewhere, the Town makes these improvements when funds are available as programmed through the multi-year capital budget.
CT 1-5 & CT 4-1	Institute a pavement management program.	The purpose of this action is to ensure the timely repairs of streets and sidewalks on a scheduled basis.	Department of Public Works.	The DPW uses the 6-year capital plan to program for pavement projects but still intends to institute a more formal pavement management program within the next couple of years. The program will involve the review of past paving programs, analyze existing conditions and prioritize the road paving needs for the next twenty years. The program will also take growth into consideration with regard to the road improvements necessary.

SF 5	Construct a fire arm practice facility including a shooting range with bullet trap.	The purpose of this action is to maintain an effective police force and to provide for needed facilities.	Town Manager, Town Council, & Police Chief.	Project completed November, 2015 via the capital budget.
NH 1	Implement pertinent actions from the four categories in the Action Plan.	The purpose of this action is to plan for natural hazards and climate change.	Town Council and Town Staff.	Implementation of actions described in our Natural Hazards Plan is ongoing. Specific municipal facilities have their own resiliency plans. The Town has sought to make use of RI DEM Resiliency Fund grants, the RI Infrastructure Bank, and other sources for phased project implementation. As an example, the Town has a current application in for assistance to bolster critical components of the sanitary system and "harden" manholes in vulnerable areas through "small project" resiliency planning grant funds.

3. Initiatives Related to Transportation and Circulation

Code	Transportation Initiatives	Purpose	Action Agent	Status
CT 1-4, CT 3-1, ED 3, & ED 7	Appoint (by Council ordinance) an advisory committee to promote the Commuter Rail Station and continue the dialogue with representatives of RIDOT with respect to the inclusion of such a station within the Town of East Greenwich.	The purpose of this action is to provide alternative forms of travel and also use the commuter rail site in support of the proposed TOD.	Town Manager, Town Council, Department of Public Works, and RIDOT.	The State of Rhode Island DOT has indicated an East Greenwich Commuter Rail Station is not in the works so this priority has been suspended.
CT 3-2, CT 1-3, & CT 2-3	Install strategically placed bicycle racks throughout the Town to promote alternative transportation and create an invitation for visitors from the bike paths and other commuting system alternatives to stay longer in Town, therefore promoting area businesses.	The purpose of this action is to promote alternative means of transportation.	Department of Public Works.	On-going. The Town has installed new bike racks as opportunities arise. This includes securing grants from the Bikes for People Coalition in 2017 to install artfully designed bike racks at our high school and related recreation sites and working with our Free Library to expand bike access and rack space there.
CT 4-1 & CT 1-5	Create a funding stream for continuous roadway and drainage facility maintenance.	The purpose of this action is to ensure the continuing maintenance of major infrastructure in the Town.	Department of Public Works.	The multi-year capital budget has thus far been the funding mechanism for physical roadway and drainage improvements
CT 4-2,CT 4-3, CT 2-1, & CT 2-2	Actively participate in RIPTA's route planning process, and provide in-kind or other services to make bus shelter construction financially feasible.	The purpose of this action is to promote greater safety and convenience in the use of mass transit.	Department and Department of Public Works.	On-going. The Town worked with RIPTA to install a new "TransArt" shelter which was completed in 2014 and which required some reconfiguration of stops downtown and we continue to work with RIPTA regarding service to New England Tech and other appropriate locations.
CT 1-2, CT 5-1, ED 1, & ED 7	Increase, where possible, the opportunities to improve the municipal parking system in the Main Street area.	The purpose of this action is to keep up the vitality, accessibility, and character of Downtown by providing safe and convenient parking.	Town Manager and Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and RIPTA.	As noted elsewhere, the Town made a traffic engineering study of the Main Street and downtown parking situation in 2005 and has programmed monies to revisit that plan in 2020. Said plan update should identify opportunities to expand parking or increase the efficiency of existing on and off street spaces.

4. Stewardship of Resources

Code	Stewardship Actions	Purpose	Action Agent	Status
ED 5, ED 7, & LUO 2	Provide incentives for existing businesses, to expand and for new businesses to relocate in East Greenwich, primarily in areas currently zoned for such purposes, including commercial and industrial zoning districts.	The purpose of this action is to promote economic development.	Town Council	No action to date.
NR 1, OS 4, OS 8, & LUA 2	Implement mandated open space dedication in existing Subdivision Regulations.	The purpose of this action is to increase open space at no cost to the Town.	Planning Board	Developers now have the option to either dedicate permanent open space within their developments or pay an impact fee specifically designed for that purpose.
H 7	Consider reduction in development-related fees to promote affordable housing in East Greenwich.	The purpose of this action is to reduce obstacles to affordable housing development.	Town Council	Deed-restricted units are exempt from Impact Fees but no other reductions or exemptions have been enacted.
SF 1	Coordinate the activities of Town Council and School Committee for the betterment of the school program and establish fiscal policies for the maintenance of the physical facilities.	The purpose of this action is to maintain and improve school facilities in support of a high quality educational program.	Town Council, Town Manager, School Committee, and School Superintendent.	Town/School coordination is on-going and improving. Planning Staff is a current liaison to the School Department's master planning consultant team and members of the Town Council serve on the school facilities and building projects sub-committees.
SF 2, NR 2, NR 7, OS 5, LUR 4, LUR 5, LUS 1, LUS 2, & LUA 3	Coordinate water supply activities with the Kent County Water Authority; monitor and improve remaining on-site wastewater disposal systems, including upgrading treatment levels above minimum standards; improve the conditions of the Hunt River aquifer; investigate the feasibility of treated effluent recycling to increase withdrawal levels; review existing land use and land use plans and evaluate the need for an aquifer protection plan for the Hunt River aquifer; and implement conservation measures through enforcement of KCWA water conservation efforts.	The purpose of this action is to maintain and improve the water supply and delivery system to the Town.	Kent County Water Authority and Department of Public Works.	Most of these activities are on-going. The local DPW and KCWA maintain a good working relationship.
SF 3, NR 4, LUR 5, & LUR 8	Identify the upgrades required for the wastewater treatment plant and the monetary commitment required, prepare and periodically update schedule and estimated cost, and identify long term maintenance requirements and develop a fiscal policy for implementation.	The purpose of this action is to maintain and improve the existing sewer system.	Department of Public Works.	Wastewater facilities are managed through an enterprise fund that has a multi-year capital plan as its basis for maintenance and upgrades.

SF 3	Examine the impacts of sea level rise on the sewage treatment plant on the waterfront. Consider data as it becomes available from the State as a result of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology, as it may affect sea level rise predictions.	The purpose of this action is to ensure the long-term viability of the sewer system in light of sea level rise.	Department of Public Works and Planning Department.	The wastewater plant has its own resiliency plan which is being used as the basis to seek grant and other funds (RI Resiliency Grants, Infrastructure Bank financing, etc) for implementation projects as needed
SF 4	Improve recycling efforts, and maintain the transfer station but re-evaluate its need and siting on a periodic basis especially as sea level rise data and mapping becomes available.	The purpose of this action is to maintain and improve the existing collection system.	Department of Public Works and Planning Department.	Current Town policy calls for the Transfer Station to be moved away from its existing waterfront location but the town does not plan to eliminate it because of the role it plays in our ability to meet recycling goals. Relocation to the Town's highway garage facility, well west of the current location is being explored.
SF 6	Monitor performance and continually assess the needs of the Fire Department.	The purpose of this action is to maintain an effective fire fighting force.	Town Council	On-going
SF 12 & LUO 3	Pursue LEED standards in public facilities, promote solar technology, and appoint a RESC to further determine policies regarding renewable energy.	The purpose of this action is to plan for energy and resource use to achieve long-term sustainability and reduce environmental impacts of energy use.	Town Council & Town Departments.	On-going, especially as the Town considers school facility expansions in 2020.
NH 1	Implement pertinent actions from the four categories in the Action Plan.	The purpose of this action is to plan for natural hazards and climate change.	Town Council and Town Staff.	Activities are on-going, including annual culvert, drainage ditch and dam inspections, tree-trimming, requiring burial of cables and wires, etc. and the Town has adopted a policy of avoiding construction not only in flood plains, but in other future vulnerable areas as well.

5. Information and Education

Code	Educational Actions	Purpose	Action Agent	Status
NR 2, NR 4, NR 5, OS 5, SF 3, LUR 4, LUR 5, LUR 8, LUS 1, LUS 2, & LUA 3	Undertake public education and outreach activities regarding the importance and benefits of and responsibilities for aquifer and watershed protection.	The purpose of this action is to ensure passage of ordinances critical to the protection of the Hunt River aquifer and the watershed.	Planning Department	No action to date
HC 1	Work with the East Greenwich Historic Preservation Society and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission to provide educational programs.	The purpose of this action is to promote an appreciation and understanding of the value of the Town's historic and cultural resources to its character and vitality.	East Greenwich Historic Preservation Society and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission.	On-going - the Assistant Town Planner is a liaison to the EGPS and EG is a Certified Local Government at RIHPHC; we share their activities/trainings, etc. with local Commissioners and the public as appropriate.
HC 2, HC 3, & ED 2	Identify and protect historic buildings, districts, structures, and archaeological sites in the Town, and nominate areas to the National and State Registers.	The purpose of this action is to support the existing local historic zoning district and promote National Register District areas.	East Greenwich Historic District Commission.	On-going
H 6	Monitor progress in implementing the Affordable Housing Plan, which will include an annual report to the Town Council.	The purpose of this action is to make sure that the policies and specific actions of the Affordable Housing Plan are being duly implemented.	Town Manager	On-going. Most recent Annual Affordable Housing report was presented to the Council Summer, 2019 for calendar year 2018 and it was agreed adequate progress toward housing goals was being made.
H 2, ED 3, ED 7, CT 1-4, CT 3-1, & LUR 2	Lobby state government and Congressional delegation to secure funds for construction of the Commuter Rail Station.	The purpose of this action is to promote the full development of the proposed Commuter Rail Station in support of a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoning district.	Town Council and Town's General Assembly delegation.	Initiative suspended for lack of feasibility at the state level.
ED 4	Work with New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) to prepare workforce development plans for Town residents. Target specific business that can benefit from skilled workforce graduates of NEIT and other initiatives that can grow the local economy.	The purpose of this action is to capitalize on the recent move of the New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) to the Town as an economic engine.	Town Manager, New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), and School Department.	No action taken to date.
ED 1 & ED 5	Work with the Chamber of Commerce and others to expand existing businesses.	The purpose of this action is to provide incentives for existing businesses to expand and for new businesses to relocate in East Greenwich.	Town Manager and Chamber of Commerce.	On-going