

## Historic & Cultural Resources - Draft Goals, Policies & Actions

GOAL H1. Maintain and protect the rural character, visual aesthetics and heritage of Little Compton			
Policy H1.A. Conserve agricultural lands and the traditional working landscape			
Policy H1.B. Further the protection of stonewalls, buildings and other historic features			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Maintain a prioritized list of agricultural lands at risk of development and proactively approach land owners to discuss conservation options	Con Com, LCACT	Ongoing	
Explore mechanisms to encourage the long-term protection of historic stonewalls including tax exemptions and easements	Conservation Commission, Planning Board	Medium-term	<a href="#">Smithfield Stonewall Ordinance</a>
			<a href="#">State Stonewall Exemption</a>
GOAL H2. Preserve buildings and sites of historic and cultural significance along with the historic and documentary record of the community			
Policy H2.A. Collaborate with and support the efforts of the Little Compton Historical Society and other organizations that further historic preservation in Little Compton			
Policy H2.B. Promote the use of historic preservation easements and other voluntary measures to preserve sites of historic interest on private property			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Establish a committee that will: compile a list of historic and cultural assets in town, work with RIHPHC to develop a list of properties within Little Compton that are potentially eligible for listing on the National Register, and encourage property owners to nominate qualified properties to the National Register	Town Council	Medium-term	
Provide information on programs available to property owners who seek to voluntarily protect historic sites	Town Council	Ongoing	<a href="#">Preserve RI Historic Preservation Easement</a>
Explore the establishment of a voluntary Historic District and financial and other incentives to encourage property owners to opt-in.	Planning Board	Short-term	<a href="#">Warren Voluntary Historic District Committee</a>
			<a href="#">Narragansett Historic District Commission and Guidelines</a>
GOAL H3. Protect the peace and quiet enjoyed by residents and the night sky for present and future generations			
Policy H3.A. Using a combination of public education and regulatory measures, address residents' concerns over excessive noise and light pollution			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Enact a lighting ordinance that addresses artificial light at night to limit night sky pollution and glare and promote energy conservation	Planning Board	Short-term	<a href="#">International Dark Sky Association</a>
Review and revise existing noise ordinance to reduce or eliminate, where possible, excessive noise and related adverse conditions in the community	Planning Board	Short-term	
Initiate a public awareness campaign regarding preservation of dark skies	Planning Board	Short-term	<a href="#">Huntsville Outdoor Lighting By-law</a>
<i>Timeframes: Short-term (0-2 years); Medium-term (3-6 years); Long-term (7-10 years)</i>			

## Economic Development - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions

### GOAL E1. Support a local economy that creates quality job opportunities for residents, provides a diverse tax base, and is compatible with the aesthetic and rural nature of Little Compton

Policy E1.A. Preserve existing commercially zoned areas and increase opportunities for new business enterprises fitting with the character of the community

Policy E1.B. Promote opportunities for low-impact home based businesses

Policy E1.C. Support local service industries, building, plumbing, landscaping, property management, general maintenance, etc. that service the large non-resident population

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
Amend zoning ordinance as needed to provide adequate standards which permit and support home-based businesses while ensuring that they are compatible with neighboring residential uses and the overall environmental, aesthetic and economic goals of the community	Planning Board, Town Council	Medium-term
Establish design guidelines for the appearance of home-based business	Planning Board, Town Council <i>(in partnership with Little Compton Historical Society)</i>	Medium-term

### GOAL E2: Retain and expand agriculture and fishing as viable economic enterprises, method to preserving open space and natural resources, and source of local food

Policy E2.A. Ensure local regulations protect waterfront-reliant businesses in Sakonnet Harbor

Policy E2.B. Maintain farming as a permitted use in Residential zoning districts

Policy E2.C. Support the efforts of the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust to preserve farmland and open space

Policy E2.D. Prohibit uses on farms not directly related to the agricultural operations or principal use of the farm

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
Promote options to offer no-cost or low-cost leasing of idle and conserved agricultural lands to farmers	Conservation Commission, Finance, Tax Assessor, LCACT	Medium-term
Offer informational sessions on the State's Farm, Forest and Open Space Program	Conservation Commission, Tax Assessor, LCACT	Short-term
Draft and adopt performance standards for allowable uses on active farms and open space lots (such as the production of value-added products, prepared food, farm stands, pick-your-own) that protect both neighboring property and rural character while providing additional income opportunities	Planning Board, Zoning Board, Town Council, LCACT	Short-term

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**Natural Resources - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions**

<b>GOAL N1. Protect drinking water quality by reducing or eliminating existing and potential groundwater and surface water contaminants</b>			
Policy N1.A. Support a comprehensive program of groundwater protection measures			
Policy N1.B. Recognize upland areas are where groundwater recharge occurs and that land use activities in upland areas are a major contributing factor in water quality			
Policy N1.C. Promote best management practices in agriculture, lawn care and landscaping in order to protect water resources and voluntarily mitigate sources of nitrogen			
Policy N1.D. Prioritize and pursue land conservation in critical watershed and undeveloped locations			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Review new State wetlands setback regulations, identify critical resource areas, and petition State for additional protections for critical resource areas in Little Compton	Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Town Council	Short-term	
Work with partners to provide guidance and tools for farmers regarding identification of non-point source pollution, best management practices, and resources available	Conservation Commission	Medium-term	<a href="#"><u>USDA NRCS RI</u></a>
			<a href="#"><u>RIDEM BMP's for Agriculture</u></a>
Establish a recommended landscaper program, listing those landscapers that agree to utilize best management practices established by the Town regarding lawn care and landscaping	Conservation Commission; Town Council	Medium-term	<a href="#"><u>Charlestown Recommended Landscaper Process</u></a>
Distribute educational materials (tax bill insert, website, etc.) relating to steps residents can take individually to prevent non-point source pollution	Planning Board, Tax Assessor	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>Rhode Island Stormwater Solutions Education Material</u></a>
<b>GOAL N2. Ensure that onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) in the community work properly and do not threaten public health, local water resources, or the environment</b>			
Policy N2.A. Prioritize the establishment of a local onsite wastewater management program which identifies all existing systems, ensures new OWTS are designed property and existing OWTS are operating correctly, and educates homeowners about the importance of good system operation and maintenance practices			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Create a database of approved onsite wastewater treatment systems and associated maintenance agreements. Ensure contracts are renewed on an annual bases.	Building Official Town Clerk	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>RIDEM Summary of Municipal Onsite Wastewater Management Programs</u></a>

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Apply for the Community Septic System Loan Program (CSSLP) to provide low-interest loans to homeowners to cover costs associated with septic system repairs or upgrades	Town Council	Medium-term	
<b>GOAL N3. Proactively address a wide range of natural resource protection and conservation issues under the encouragement and leadership of an effective Conservation Commission</b>			
Policy N3.A. Work collaboratively with partners such as the Agricultural Conservancy Trust, Sakonnet Preservation Association, and The Nature Conservancy in order to achieve shared conservation goals			
Policy N3.B. Increase the role and responsibility of the Conservation Commission in local conservation efforts			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Links to Best Practices / Resources</b>
Prepare collaborative annual goals for conservation and develop an action plan for the Town Council relating to ongoing conservation efforts	Conservation Commission	Ongoing	
Establish a mechanism that fosters regular dialogue among the Agricultural Conservancy Trust, Sakonnet Preservation Association and The Nature Conservancy	Conservation Commission	Short-term	
Establish a subcommittee to focus on water protection efforts and establish an education initiative to encourage participation of the Farm, Forest, and Open Space Program	Town Council, Conservation Commission	Short-term	<u>Charlestown Potable Water Working Group</u>
			<u>Charlestown Source Water Protection Plan</u>
<i>Timeframes: Short-term (0-2 years); Medium-term (3-6 years); Long-term (7-10 years)</i>			

## Transportation - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions

**Goal T1. Provide a safe, efficient, and multi-modal transportation system that minimizes impacts on the environment and preserves the rural character of Little Compton**

Policy T1.A. Improve the safety of all transportation modes through education, enforcement and design

Policy T1.B. Promote a *Complete Streets* approach to design and renovation of infrastructure that ensures safety and mobility of all users is considered

Policy T1.C. Expand transportation services within and outside town boundaries

Policy T1.D. Encourage development of walking trails, multi-use paths and bicycle lanes

Policy T1.E. Ensure that any transportation improvements and amenities including signage and guardrails are of appropriate scale, material and design and do not have a negative impact on the scenic and rural qualities of Little Compton

Policy T1.F. Provide an adequate amount of parking in a manner which preserves the historic and aesthetic character of the Commons and enhances pedestrian safety and experience

Policy T1.G. Track and coordinate investments in the transportation system with RIDOT and utility companies to minimize duplication of effort and costs

Policy T1.H. Avoid negative impacts to the environment and private property by responsibly managing stormwater runoff from town roadways

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Submit projects for inclusion in the State TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan)	Public Works; Town Administrator	Medium-term; Ongoing	State Transportation Improvement Plan
Develop a circulation and parking plan for the Commons	Planning Board	Medium-term	Barrington Village Center Parking Study
Improve parking facilities at Sakonnet Harbor	Public Works; Town Administrator	Medium-term	
Develop a pavement management program and conduct annual road condition survey as a means to better prioritize and plan for future infrastructure investments	Public Works; Town Administrator	Short-term; Ongoing	Town of Middletown Annual Pavement Management System Inventory and Assessment / Road Condition Survey
Work with RIPTA to identify, offer, and promote innovative transportation options that respond to the transportation needs of Little Compton residents	Town Administrator	Short-term; Ongoing	RIPTA Commuter Resources

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Advocate for increased transportation options for individuals, including seniors and the disabled, with unmet transportation needs	Town Council	Ongoing	
Review current town road standards to ensure they are consistent with a Low Impact Development (LID) approach to roadway design and promote Context-Sensitive Solutions	Planning Board	Short-term	RI LID Site Planning & Design Guidance Manual
Identify potential locations for the installation of BMPs (Best Management Practices) in order to manage stormwater runoff from roadways and protect water quality of receiving waters	Planning Board; Public Works	Medium-term	RI Stormwater Solutions
			Inventory of LID projects in RI
<i>Timeframes: Short-term (0-2 years); Medium-term (3-6 years); Long-term (7-10 years)</i>			

**Additional links to resources / documents**

- [Rhode Island Highways Best Practices Design Guide](#)
- [Rhode Island's Complete Streets Action Plan](#)
- [Smart Growth America - Complete Streets Transportation 2035 \(2012\)](#)

**Complete Streets** is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation.

**BMPs** are activities or structural improvements that help reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

**LID** is an innovative stormwater management approach with a basic principle that is modeled after nature. LID's goal is to mimic a site's predevelopment hydrology by using design techniques that infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, and detain runoff close to its source. Instead of conveying and managing / treating stormwater in large, costly end-of-pipe facilities located at the bottom of drainage areas, LID addresses stormwater through small, cost-effective landscape features located at the lot level.

**Context-Sensitive Solutions** is a theoretical and practical approach to transportation decision-making and design that takes into consideration the communities and lands through which streets, roads, and highways pass ("the context"). A flexible and creative approach to design with the end goal of transportation projects which improve safety and mobility for the traveling public, while seeking to preserve and enhance the scenic, economic, historic, and natural qualities of the settings through which they pass.

The **TIP** is a list of transportation projects the State of Rhode Island intends to implement using U.S. Department of Transportation funds. Federal regulations require that the State Planning Council, acting as the single statewide MPO in Rhode Island, adopt a new TIP at a minimum of every four years.

## Recreation and Open Space Conservation Areas - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions

**GOAL R1: Offer a well-maintained network of outdoor recreational areas and conserved lands that meets the diverse needs and interests of residents**

Policy R1.A. (E2.C.) Support the efforts of the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust to preserve farmland and open space

Policy R1.B. Prioritize the conservation of lands abutting conserved lands to create large protected greenways, habitat areas and opportunities for expanded recreational trails

Policy R1.C. Promote public access to the town's recreational facilities, conserved lands, and shoreline

Policy R1.D. Ensure proper management of town-owned conservation land like the beach, Wilbour Woods and Town Landing

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Create and maintain a detailed open space inventory	Conservation Commission	Short-term	<a href="#">Middletown RCOS Inventory</a>
Acquire property to increase public access to the harbor	Town Council	Long-term	
Maintain pedestrian trails including right-of-ways to the shore so that they remain passable	Public Works; Harbor Commission; Beach Commission	Ongoing	<a href="#">CRMC Public Access Guide to RI Coast</a>
			<a href="#">ArcGIS interactive map of CRMCs ROWs</a>
Create and disseminate a blueways map and guide to promote paddling	Harbor Commission; Beach Commission; Recreation Committee	Medium-term	<a href="#">Explore RI Water Trails</a>
Develop and implement a fiscally feasible Recreation Master Plan that serves the long-term needs of residents	Planning Board; Recreation Committee; Town Administrator	Medium-term	<a href="#">Complete Communities - Steps to Complete a Parks &amp; Recreation Master Plan</a>
Establish a committee for the prevention, control and clean-up of litter, and supports Earth Day and coastal cleanup efforts	Public Works; Conservation Commission	Short-term	<a href="#">Keep America Beautiful</a>
Consider establishing an "adopt-a-spot" program to encourage ongoing engagement in addition to annual scheduled cleanups	Public Works; Conservation Commission	Medium-term	<a href="#">Keep Carbondale Beautiful Adopt-a-Spot</a>
Establish an annual maintenance and operations program for town-owned park and open space properties such as Town Way, town Landing, Taylors Lane, Harbor, Recreation Fields, Basketball court, tennis courts, etc.	Town Administrator; Public Works	Short-term	

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## Natural Hazards & Climate Change - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions

### Goal NH1. Minimize the risk posed to lives, property, infrastructure and the environment by natural hazards and climate change

Policy NH1.A. Improve the community's awareness of threats from natural hazards and climate change through education and communication

Policy NH1.B. Support coordinated municipal preparedness, response and recovery efforts to all disasters

Policy NH1.C. Make the protection of Sakonnet Harbor area from impacts of natural hazards and sea level rise a priority

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Work with partners, to identify appropriate adaptation measures specific to Little Compton that will increase the resiliency of the town to climate change and sea level rise impacts	Planning Board; Town Administrator	Medium-term	<a href="#"><u>BI Harbors Sea Level Rise Study</u></a>
Identify properties vulnerable to sea level rise and educate property owners of the risk and ensure evacuation and communication plans are in place	Public Works; Town Administrator	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>STORMTOOLS</u></a>
Identify lands that will provide marsh migration areas for coastal wetlands in response to sea level rise and work with partners to prioritize preservation of these lands	LCAT	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>SLAMM Maps</u></a>
Make public aware of town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and make document accessible to the public. Implement actions identified in the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.	Town Administrator	Short-term; Medium-term; Long-term	
Investigate northerly wave attenuation capability for the harbor	Harbormaster	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>Brooklyn Wave Attenuation</u></a>
Review town regulations to ensure new development conforms to DEM and CRMC setback requirements to discouraged development in flood prone areas	Planning Board	Short-term	
Develop a plan to handle evacuation of RV's and other items located at South Shore Beach and Round Meadows	Town Administrator	Medium-term	

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## Housing - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions

<b>GOAL H1: Meet the needs of Little Compton residents for attainable housing</b>			
Policy H1.A Further understanding of local housing needs			
Policy H1.B. Encourage an increased diversity of housing stock including more year-round rental opportunities			
Policy H1.C. Support the development of senior housing and opportunities to age in place			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Conduct a survey in order to evaluate demand for senior housing and affordable housing	Little Compton Housing Trust	Medium-term	
Continue to offer tax relief for income eligible seniors and disabled to allow them to age in place / maintain residency in Little Compton	Tax Assessor; Town Council	Ongoing	
<b>GOAL H2: Reach the State's minimum ten percent Low-and-Moderate Income Housing requirement</b>			
Policy H2.A. Advocate for fair and effective affordable housing legislation at the state level			
Policy H2.B. Continue to offer fee waivers for the construction of low-and-moderate income housing			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
In partnership with other municipalities, participate in review and update of current affordable housing legislation	Town Council	Short-term	
Assess the viability of the Town's ten strategies identified in the Housing Plan and adjust accordingly	Planning Board	Short-term; Ongoing	
Create and maintain an inventory of affordable housing in Little Compton beyond the units that currently meet the state's regulatory definition of Low-and-Moderate Income Housing (ie are not deed restricted)	Little Compton Housing Trust	Short-term	
Implement a "capturing existing housing" program using repair grant funding, tax assessment subsidies and deed restrictions	Town Council	Medium-term	<a href="#"><u>Barrington - Capturing Existing Housing Presentation</u></a>
Develop a municipal subsidies system that incentivizes property owners willing to deed-restrict accessory dwelling units and other types of housing units that the town has identified as a local need	Planning Board; Town Council	Medium-term	<i>The RIGL amended in 2016 to allow owner-occupied SF residence the right to built accessory family dwelling unit for family member 62 years or older (previously just disabled)</i>
Establish a town affordable housing trust fund; explore funding mechanism options	Little Compton Housing Trust	Medium-term	<a href="#"><u>MA Municipal Affordable Housing Trusts Guidebook</u></a>
Identify sources of funding for the development of affordable units including partnership with Rhode Island Housing and/or other State agencies	Little Compton Housing Trust	Ongoing	

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<b>GOAL H3: Ensure that new residential development is designed in a way that minimizes impacts on natural, historic and scenic resources</b>			
Policy H3.A. Work with partners, to achieve affordable housing units that are both appropriately located and consistent with the rural and scenic character of the community			
Policy H3.B. Encourage scattered site affordable housing throughout the Town rather than a concentration of affordable housing units			
Policy H3.C. Promote residential energy efficiency programs to assist residents in lowering cost of housing			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Explore cooperative acquisitions that meet the dual goals of land conservation and affordable housing development	Little Compton Housing Trust; LCACT; Planning Board	Long-term	<a href="#"><u>Vermont Housing and Conservation Board - Examples of Dual Goal Projects</u></a>
Allow mixed-use development in the business zone	Planning Board	Ongoing	
<i>Timeframes: Short-term (0-2 years); Medium-term (3-6 years); Long-term (7-10 years)</i>			

**Affordable housing trust fund** : Separate funds established by states or localities to provide a stable source of revenue reserved solely for affordable homes.

The RI Zoning Enabling Act now stipulates that “an accessory family dwelling unit in an owner-occupied, single-family residence shall be permitted as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities or who are sixty-two (62) years of age or older. Previously, this allowance was established only for family members with a disability.

**Transfer of Development Right (TDR)** : A program that encourages the voluntary transfer of growth from places where a community would like to see less development (called sending areas) to places where a community would like to see more development (called receiving areas). The sending areas can be environmentally-sensitive properties, open space, agricultural land, wildlife habitat, historic landmarks or any other places that are important to a community. The receiving areas should be places that the general public has agreed are appropriate for extra development because they are close to jobs, shopping, schools, transportation and other urban services.

<b>Facilities &amp; Services - Draft Goals, Policies, &amp; Actions</b>			
<b>GOAL F1: Meet the needs of residents for municipal services and facilities and deliver in a cost efficient and environmental sustainable manner</b>			
Policy F1.A. Proactively plan for the long-term community needs for municipal services and facilities			
Policy F1.B. Strive for environmental sustainability in the provision of municipal services and facilities			
Policy F1.C. Continually explore ways to reduce the costs of delivering services and operating facilities			
Policy F1.D. Maintain municipal facilities in a good state of repair to ensure reliable operations and limit unplanned expenses or investments			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Conduct a municipal facilities assessment	Public Works Director; Town Administrator	Long-term	<a href="#">Easton, MA Municipal and School Facilities Assessment</a>
Explore regional provision of services and equipment sharing opportunities	Town Administrator	Ongoing	<a href="#">NY Municipalities Shared Services Brief</a>
<b>GOAL F2: Meet or exceed the State's mandated 35% recycling rate and 50% diversion rate for solid waste</b>			
Policy F2.A. Encourage residents and businesses to increase recycling rates through incentives and education			
Policy F2.B. Lead by example and implement municipal waste reduction strategies and strict recycling policies for town operations and the school			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Conduct a waste audit of municipal operations, private haulers and citizens who utilize the town transfer station	Public Works Director; Town Administrator	Short-term	<a href="#">Audit Datasheet</a>
Organize workshops for residents on recycling and composting. Enlist the School to help with education and a student challenge program.	Conservation Commission; <a href="#">School</a>	Short-term	<a href="#">RIRRC Presentation Request</a>
Implement a program to offer compost bins at a reduced cost to residents	Conservation Commission	Short-term	<a href="#">RIRRC Composting</a>
<b>GOAL F3: Achieve reductions in energy and water use as a municipality and a community</b>			
Policy F3.A. Promote energy-efficiency and water conservation practices for municipal operations, businesses, and residents			
<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Track complete utility usage information for all municipal buildings	Public Works Director	Short-term; Ongoing	
Explore solar for municipal buildings and energy storage opportunities at the transfer station	Town Council	Ongoing	
Develop guidelines for residential wind and solar	Planning Board; Town Council	Short-term	

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Assess future opportunities for water use efficiency in municipal operations including the recycling of waters	Conservation Commission	Long-term	<a href="#">RI State Guide Plan Water 2030</a>
Implement a program to offer rain barrels at a reduced cost to residents	Conservation Commission	Short-term	<a href="#">RI Water Lady</a>
Implement Town water reduction strategies during times of drought	Emergency Management Director	Ongoing	
<b>GOAL F4: Enhance telecommunications infrastructure within the Town and expand the use of technology in the delivery of municipal functions</b>			
Policy F4.A. Utilize current technologies to improve municipal operations and efficiencies and to expand outreach to residents			
Policy F4.B. Work with service providers to enhance telecommunications within Little Compton			
<i><b>Actions</b></i>	<i><b>Responsible Party</b></i>	<i><b>Timeframe</b></i>	<i><b>Links to Best Practices / Resources</b></i>
Establish a Technology Committee whose purpose is to promote internet and technology literacy, bring faster, cheaper and more reliable internet to the town. Establish public Wi-Fi hot spots at the School, Community Center, and Town Hall. Offer continuing education at the school for residents on computer skills and using mobile devices.	Town Council; School	Short-term	
Expanding on reverse 911, develop a municipal communications strategy to get important information out to residents including related to public health, accidents, road closures, Town meetings, etc.	Town Clerk; Town Administrator	Short-term	<a href="#">Sustainable NJ Municipal Communications Strategy Action Guidance</a>
<i>Timeframes: Short-term (0-2 years); Medium-term (3-6 years); Long-term (7-10 years)</i>			

## Land Use - Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions

### GOAL L1. Achieve a land use pattern that preserves Little Compton's open space, aesthetic qualities and rural heritage

Policy L1.A. Ensure that municipal land use regulations are consistent with the goals and policies set forth within this comprehensive plan

Policy L1.B. Retain low-density development pattern that is consistent with no public infrastructure such as sewer and public water, is consistent with the historic rural character of the town and is sensitive to the environment

Policy L1.C. Ensure future development will have as limited an impact on scenic resources and the quality of life of residents as possible

Policy L1.D. Support the rural landscape by creating an economic climate that enhances the viability of working lands and conserves natural lands

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Links to Best Practices / Resources</i>
Work with partners to continue to acquire land and development rights for conservation purposes	LCACT; Conservation Commission; Town Council	Ongoing	<a href="#"><u>Putting Smart Growth to Work in Rural Communities (ICMA)</u></a>
Develop a design booklet for property owners considering new construction or renovation which illustrates desired styles, materials, massing and siting compatible with the town's traditional vernacular	Conservation Commission in partnership with SPA	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>Hillsborough CA Design Guidelines</u></a>
Digitize the town's Tax Maps and begin building a Geographic Information System to aid in decision-making	Tax Assessor; Town Clerk	Short-term	<a href="#"><u>RIGIS Examples of Municipal Digital Maps</u></a>
Conduct a build-out analysis (assessment of future development capacity) to be incorporated in next Comprehensive Plan Update	Planning Board	Medium-term	<a href="#"><u>New Shoreham Comp Plan Build-Out Analysis (pg. 11-5 to 11-11)</u></a>
			<a href="#"><u>Statewide Planning - Land Use Standards (pg 15)</u></a>
Review results of build-out analysis and make determination if subdivision and/or zoning regulations should be amended	Planning Board	Long-term	
Participate in regional planning efforts with appropriate partners and neighboring communities	Planning Board; Town Administrator	Ongoing	

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