

POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR BRISTOL

Overview

This booklet has been prepared to help guide discussion of possible “implementation” strategies for the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) for Bristol, Connecticut.

The following pages summarize strategies, policies and tasks which might be included in a chapter in the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development related to implementation.

Members of the Planning Commission should review this information and evaluate whether the strategy, policies, and tasks are appropriate for the POCD.

As used in this booklet:

- A strategy is a “big picture” goal for Bristol
- A policy is a guideline that helps accomplish the overall strategy (a policy does not generally have a specific end date)
- A task is a recommended action step that helps accomplish the overall strategy (a task has an end date or specific result)

“It is what we do after we make [a] decision - to implement and execute it - that makes it a good decision.”

William Pollard,
English Clergyman

Implementation Committee



Groundbreaking



Ribbon Cutting



Plan Implementation - Overall

Rationale

The whole purpose of the planning process is not to produce a Plan but to identify positive changes that should be undertaken in Bristol in order to:

- meet community needs,
- preserve community character, and
- enhance the overall quality of life.

Possible Policies	
1. Implement the POCD.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possible Tasks	
2. Establish a Plan Implementation Committee made up of representatives of various boards to prioritize, coordinate, and refine implementation of the Plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Regularly review POCD strategies, policies and tasks to ensure they are relevant to community needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Establish regular meetings of the chairs of all local Boards and Commissions in order to find ways to enhance inter-municipal coordination.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Establish regular meetings between all members of local boards and commissions to coordinate local policies and activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Coordinate with programs and efforts of regional planning agencies and adjacent municipalities.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Plan Implementation – Planning Commission

Rationale

The Planning Commission has the primary responsibility for implementing many POCD recommendations.

Possible Policies	
1. Use the POCD to guide responses to statutory referrals from the Zoning Commission on zoning map changes and zoning text changes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Use the policies in the POCD to guide CGS 8-24 referrals.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. In the absence of a Plan Implementation Committee, oversee and coordinate POCD implementation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possible Tasks	
4. Update Subdivision Regulations to implement recommendations in the Plan of Conservation & Development.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Plan Implementation – Zoning Commission

Rationale

The Zoning Commission also plays a key role in implementing many POCD recommendations.

Possible Policies	
1. Continue to consider reports from the Planning Commission on referrals of zoning map changes and zoning text changes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Use the policies in the POCD to guide decisions on special permit applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possible Tasks	
3. Update Zoning Regulations to implement the Plan of Conservation & Development.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Plan Implementation - Council

Rationale

As the major policy board, the City Council also has a role in implementing the POCD.

Possible Policies	
1. Use the POCD to guide decisions on the Operating Budget.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Use the policies in the POCD to guide decisions on the Capital Budget.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possible Tasks	
3. Use the strategies in the POCD to guide preparation of the long-term Capital Improvements Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>



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