

Implementation

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Overview

Implementation of the strategies and recommendations of the Plan is the main purpose of the planning process.

Implementation takes place after the Plan is adopted and the various recommendations are put into action and evaluated. While the Town Plan and Zoning Commission has the lead role in promoting the Plan's implementation, implementation will only occur with the diligent efforts of Newington residents and officials. As a result, responsibility for implementation rests with all boards, agencies, and individuals in Newington.

Implementation of a Plan typically occurs in two main phases:

- some of the recommendations can and should be given high priority since they are critical to the implementation of the Plan;
- other recommendations will be implemented over time because they may require additional study, coordination with or implementation by others, or involve the commitment of significant financial resources.

If the Plan is to be realized, it must serve as a guide to all residents, businesses, developers, applicants, owners, agencies, and individuals interested in the orderly conservation and development of the Town of Newington.

Implementation Tools / Strategies

Implementation Guides

The Town Plan and Zoning Commission has the primary responsibility for coordinating implementation of the Plan's recommendations. The Commission can prepare implementation schedules identifying who is responsible for each of the Plan recommendations and the priority assigned to each recommendation as a guide to implementation.

Application Reviews

Using the Town Plan as a basis for decisions by the Commission will also help accomplish the goals and objectives of the Plan. This is especially true for zoning district changes, zoning text changes, and Special Permit applications.

Land Use Regulations

Since the Zoning Regulations and the Subdivision Regulations are important tools to implement Plan recommendations, the Commission should undertake a review of these regulations in the near future, making whatever revisions are necessary to implement Plan recommendations.

Operating Budget

The annual budget is one of the main ways that municipal policy objectives are implemented and it can be an effective way to assist with implementation of the Plan's recommendations. The Town Plan and Zoning Commission should consider ways to complement the work done each year by the Town Council in establishing budget priorities and strategies.

Municipal Improvements

Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that municipal improvements (as defined in the statute) be referred to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report before any local action is taken. The Commission should strive to ensure that spending on municipal improvements reflects the priorities and recommendations of the Plan.

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