

Appendix 1A

2000 Falmouth Goal

Encourage a diverse quality of life for Falmouth residents

*that
balances:*

growth and change ▲ traditional lifestyles and values

rights of property owners ▲ interests of neighbors and the
community

conserving natural resources ▲ making land available for
development

need to provide municipal services and facilities ▲ ability and
willingness of citizens to pay

Expanded 2000 Falmouth Goals by Topic

Growth

- encourage orderly growth relative to town's character, open spaces, and scenic resources
- guide growth towards land that has the capacity to absorb development
- retain character of residential neighborhoods

Public Services

- provide most cost-efficient, quality services
- ensure that the School Department will have necessary facilities
- use public services and facilities to influence growth and development patterns, including:
 - (a) improving the current transportation network (automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian)
 - (b) plan future transportation network
 - (c) improving sewer system

Economy

- ensure Falmouth's commercial centers developed as mixed-use centers
- support local businesses and potential business relocating to Falmouth

Housing

- encourage decent and affordable housing

Water Resources

- protect environmentally sensitive lands such as shorelines, wetlands, and critical wildlife habitats
- protect soils and groundwater from older and poorly working septic systems
- decrease nonpoint source pollution in Presumpscot River, Presumpscot River Estuary, Highland Lake, and Casco Bay

Natural Resources

- secure a permanent source of funding for the open space acquisition program

Marine Resources

- ensure access to waterfront, rivers, streams, and lakes for commercial fishers and the public

Forest Resources

- encourage protection of the town's forested lands by reducing sprawl and encouraging sustainable forest management

Historic and Archeological Resources

- identify and preserve historical and archeological resources

Outdoor Recreation Resources

- ensure safe, protected, and abundant access to its waterfront, rivers, streams, and lakes for commercial fishers and the public.

2000 Falmouth Policies by Topic

Growth

- use zoning ordinance
- use clustering and other techniques to consolidate built environment and conserve land
- develop neighborhood master plans based on suitability of environment efficient extension of services, and appropriate development patterns
- **implement residential master plans through zoning ordinance.**
- **facilitate capital investments that support growth in areas designated as being suitable for growth**

Public Services

- consider growth impacts on the needs of town facilities (including schools) on a long-term basis
- explore impact fees
- coordinate planning efforts of town and school system
- develop safe pedestrian and bicycle network that serves as alternative means of transportation throughout town
- require development to include pedestrian facilities for residents
- continue current efforts to divert commuter traffic off of local roads and onto highway system (Maine Turnpike Spur)
- identify new transportation corridors
- establish designated sewer service areas, encourage sewer extensions by developers and permit higher densities when sewers are provided
- use soil suitability as the basis for determining development density for areas without public sewers
- **facilitate capital investments that support growth in areas designated as being suitable for growth**

Economy

- provide areas for additional commercial growth
- develop long-range strategy to retain existing businesses and attract complementary enterprises to the community
- maintain diversity of commercial interests
- support local business organizations

Housing

- support development of a comprehensive regional affordable housing strategy

- amend zoning ordinance to allow for low- and moderate-income housing

Water Resources

- enact more stringent wetland protection zoning measures
- increase efficiency and effectiveness of sewer system to protect soils and groundwater from older and poorly working septic systems
- support citizen and regional efforts to decrease nonpoint source pollution

Natural Resources

- explore permanent funding for the open space acquisition program

Marine Resources

- increase access points to the waterfront, rivers streams, and lakes
- relieve congestion at the Town Landing by upgrading the parking facilities and seeking alternative access locations

Forest Resources

- use clustering and other techniques that consolidate the built environment and conserve forested lands
- encourage landowners to harvest their lands in a manner that balances the environment with economics

Historic and Archeological Resources

- ***revise zoning ordinance to expand identification and protection for historical and archeological resources***
- ***inventory prehistoric and historic archaeological resources***
- ***protect the Town's archaeological and historic resources.***

Outdoor Recreation Resources

- increase access points to waterfront, rivers, streams, and lakes
- relieve congestion at the Town Landing by upgrading the parking facilities and seeking alternative access locations