

Appendix 1B

Compilation of Goals, Objectives, and Policies, 2000 Falmouth Comprehensive Plan

The following compilation summarizes the goals, objectives, and policies adopted by the Town in the Comprehensive Plan 2000 relative to the ten goals of the Maine Growth Management Program.

Growth Management Act	2000 Comprehensive Plan Update Goals and Objectives	2000 Comprehensive Plan Update Policies
	<p style="text-align: center;">Falmouth' s goals are...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Falmouth' s policies are...</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to encourage a diverse quality of life for Falmouth residents that balances: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) growth and change with traditional lifestyles and values; (b) the rights of property owners with the interests of neighbors and the community; (c) conserving natural resources with making land available for development; and (d) the need to provide municipal services and facilities with the ability and willingness of citizens to pay. 	

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<p>1. to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the State's rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to encourage orderly growth and development that respects, protects, and enhances the town 's character, open spaces, and scenic resources. 2. to guide growth and development towards land that has the capacity to absorb development and away from areas which, because of natural resources, scenic, or open space values, are inappropriate for development. 3. to retain the character of residential neighborhoods while encouraging neighborhood-specific development patterns. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to use the subdivision and site plan review processes and stringent performance standards to ensure high quality developments that contribute to rather than detract from the community 's suburban and rural character. 2. to manage growth and development to minimize sprawl and maximize open space through clustering and other techniques that consolidate the built environment and conserve land. 3. to develop and adopt neighborhood master plans based on the suitability of the surrounding environment, trails, greenbelts, and open spaces, the efficient and adequate extension of services and facilities, and appropriate development patterns. 4. <i>to revise the Town 's zoning and other land use regulations to implement the residential master plans.</i> 5. <i>to facilitate capital investments that support growth in areas designated as being suitable for growth while avoiding investments that encourage growth and development in those areas where growth is not desired.</i>

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<p>2. to plan for, finance, and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide quality services and facilities that adjust to changing demographics and development patterns in the most cost-efficient manner while maintaining a reasonable level of debt. 2. to ensure that the School Department will have the facilities and resources necessary to adequately serve the growing and changing student population. 3. to use public services and facilities to influence growth and development patterns, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a). improving the current transportation network, including offering efficient and safe automobile transportation, bicycle corridors, and pedestrian walkways around and between neighborhoods; (b). accelerating efforts to plan the future transportation network so that it creates the most efficient and practical transportation and development pattern; and (c). improving the sewer system so that it serves a larger share of the town=s households. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to improve the ongoing capital planning program by considering growth impacts on the needs of town facilities (including schools) on a long-term basis and balance needs against willingness and ability to pay for them. 2(a). to explore the use of impact fees to assist financing increased public facilities that results from growth and development. 2(b). to coordinate planning efforts of the town and the school system to share information, improve communication, and foster coordination of activities. 3(a)(i). to develop a safe pedestrian and bicycle network that connects neighborhoods together and serves as an alternative means of transportation throughout town. 3(a)(iii). to require development to include pedestrian facilities for residents and link those facilities with existing or proposed public sidewalks, bikeways, or trails where it is feasible and appropriate. Explore potential outside funding sources and maximize opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and outdoor recreation. 3(a)(ii). to continue to accelerate current efforts to divert commuter traffic off of local roads and onto the highway system. Fully explore the potential of the Maine Turnpike Spur to satisfy this general goal and consider its additional utility as a cross-town connector. 3(b). to use the neighborhood planning process to identify new transportation corridors that will improve the safety and efficiency of the town ' s transportation network. 3(c)(i). to coordinate planning of the public sewer system with Comprehensive Plan goals and land use policies. Establish designated sewer service areas, encouraging sewer extensions by developers and permitting higher densities when sewers are provided. Evaluate the long-term operation and maintenance costs of proposed sewer service areas and specific proposed extensions. 3(c)(ii). to use soil suitability as the basis for determining development density for areas without public sewers, allowing moderate density on soils that are well-suited for on-site wastewater disposal and keeping low density in areas with poor soils for septic systems. 3(d). to facilitate capital investments that support growth in areas designated as being suitable for growth while avoiding investments that encourage growth and development in those areas where growth is not desired.

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<p>3. to promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to ensure Falmouth ' s commercial centers will continue to be developed as mixed-use centers that expand the tax base, serve the local and regional citizenry, and respect the needs of neighbors. 2. to support local businesses and potential business relocating to Falmouth. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1(a). to provide areas and opportunities for additional commercial growth while ensuring that new businesses do not overtax town services nor detract from community character. 1(b). to develop a long-range strategy that will retain existing businesses, help them to expand their markets, and attract complementary enterprises to the community. 1(c). to maintain and expand the diversity of commercial interests to create a stable economic base that will be more resistant to fluctuations in particular markets or industries. 2. to support local business organizations in their efforts to retain and attract a variety of businesses to Falmouth.
<p>4. to encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to ensure Falmouth retains its diverse population by encouraging decent and affordable housing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1(a). to support efforts to develop a comprehensive regional affordable housing strategy. 1(b). to examine ways to amend the zoning ordinance to allow for low- and moderate-income housing.
<p>5. to protect the quality and manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, estuaries, rivers, and coastal areas;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to protect environmentally sensitive lands such as shorelines, wetlands, and critical wildlife habitats, and severely restrict development where there are significant development limitations, including poorly drained soils, steep slopes, and flood plains. 2. to protect soils and groundwater from older and poorly working septic systems and to ensure wastewater meets all applicable environmental standards for the Presumpscot River Estuary. 3. to decrease the levels of nonpoint source pollution that reach the Presumpscot River, Presumpscot River Estuary, Highland Lake, and Casco Bay. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to enact more stringent wetland protection measures in the town ' s zoning ordinance. 2. to explore ways to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of its sewer system to protect soils and groundwater from older and poorly working septic systems and to ensure wastewater meets all applicable environmental standards for the Presumpscot River Estuary. 3. to encourage and support citizen and regional efforts to decrease nonpoint source pollution if Falmouth ' s waterbodies.

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<p>6. to protect the State's other critical natural resources, including without limitation, wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, sand dunes, shorelands, scenic vistas, and unique natural areas;</p>	<p>1. to secure a permanent source of funding for the open space acquisition program.</p>	<p>1. to explore permanent funding for the open space acquisition program through the town budget process, state and federal resources, public-private partnerships, and other means.</p>
<p>7. to protect the State's marine resources industry, ports, and harbors from incompatible development, and to promote access to the shore for commercial fishermen and the public;</p>	<p>1. to ensure safe, protected, and abundant access to its waterfront, rivers, streams, and lakes for commercial fishers and the public.</p>	<p>1(a). to explore ways to increase access points to the waterfront, rivers streams, and lakes by acquisition, public-private partnerships, and state and federal resources. 1(b). to relieve congestion at the Town Landing by upgrading the parking facilities and seeking alternative access locations.</p>
<p>8. to safeguard the State's agricultural and forest resources from development that threatens those resources;</p>	<p>1. to encourage protection of the town ' s forested lands by reducing sprawl and encouraging sustainable forest management.</p>	<p>1. to manage growth and development to minimize sprawl and maximize open space through clustering and other techniques that consolidate the built environment and conserve forested lands. 2. to encourage landowners to harvest their lands in a manner that balances the environment with economics.</p>

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<p>9. to preserve the State's historic and archeological resources and;</p>	<p>1. to identify and preserve historical and archeological resources.</p>	<p>1. <i>to revise the Town's land use regulations to expand the levels of identification and protection for historical and archeological resources, including requiring archaeological studies in areas that are identified as "Resource Potential Areas" by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.</i></p> <p>2. <i>to inventory prehistoric and historic archaeological resources.</i></p> <p>3. <i>to protect the Town's archaeological and historic resources.</i></p>
<p>10. to promote and protect the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Maine citizens, including access to surface waters.</p>	<p>1. to ensure safe, protected, and abundant access to its waterfront, rivers, streams, and lakes for commercial fishers and the public.</p>	<p>1(a). to explore ways to increase access points to the waterfront, rivers streams, and lakes by acquisition, public-private partnerships, and state and federal resources.</p> <p>1(b). to relieve congestion at the Town Landing by upgrading the parking facilities and seeking alternative access locations.</p>