

POCD Comments Eric Thomas-

I. Agriculture and Economic development, agriculture is more than just a “look” of the town, it is also part of the economy-“ preserve working farms

The “Agriculture” chapter covers the preservation and support of farmland for economic, educational and recreational benefits (page 32). Though I do like the phrase “preserve working farms”

Suggest the Goal is changed slightly as follows:

Goal: Preserve farmland, support farming activity and preserve working farms, both crops and livestock, for their economic benefits, their educational/recreational opportunities and local food production.

The ” Economic Vitality” chapter mentions agriculture in relation to tourism and active farms (page 82, item#11) and I would not change anything

II. Outdoor based recreational tourism related to the economy- eco-tourism

The Parks & Rec. section does not mention recreation is relation to eco- tourism. The Historical/Cultural chapter does mention tourism (page 21), as does the Agriculture chapter and the Economic Vitality chapter (page 82 and 83).

I don’t see the need to add anything in relation to this item.

III. Contents- Preamble- Why you should read this

Our POCD covers this item on page 2 (Purpose of the Plan) and page 3 (POCD Implementation) They are fairly self explanatory, but might be better if there were more detailed explanations. See below for two examples of other town’s wording of this section.

IV. Cover photos- add photo with people

I’m comfortable with the cover pictures

Additional Items_

1. Page 32 at the bottom, the “Goal” paragraph is split among two pages. Change so the Goal paragraph is together on one page. Similar issues on page 35, 58, 70,82, 83, 87

2. Also, after making any changes, check the table of contents to be sure the Chapter page numbers are correct.

1.1 Overview

Colchester

A Plan of Conservation and Development is a tool for guiding the future of a community. It involves:

- looking at where the community has been,
- looking at where the community is today and how things are going,
- evaluating alternative future outcomes,
- selecting the preferred outcome(s), and
- recommending policies and programs which can help accomplish the preferred vision.

The goals and recommendations of this Plan reflect the overall consensus of what is considered best for Colchester and its residents in the future. This Plan was prepared by the Colchester Planning and Zoning Commission with input from Colchester residents.

About Plans of Conservation and Development

A Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD or Plan) is a tool to guide the future of a community. Its purpose is to establish a common vision for the future of a community and determine policies that will help attain that vision. The goals and recommendations of the Plan are intended to reflect what South Windsor residents feel is desirable for the community in the future.

A POCD becomes an official document after a public hearing and adoption by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Once adopted, the Plan is an advisory document used to:

- Coordinate development of the municipality.
- Guide land use decisions and regulations.
- Provide programs for implementation.

About This Plan

The South Windsor Plan of Conservation and Development is a big picture document which sets the vision and strategic direction to protect what is important to the community and guide development.

A companion "Implementation Element" provides the detailed actions to implement the POCD, including "who" and "when". The Implementation Element is not incorporated within this Plan since the detailed actions for how to address each strategy will likely change over time as new tools become available or priorities change.

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