

This section of the Plan lists general recommendations, in the form of policies and strategies, for each of the elements of the plan. These recommendations are intended to address the issues raised in the review and analysis of the elements in Section II, *Community Assessment*. The matrix also shows a suggested implementation timing and responsible party.

For the purpose of this chapter, the implementation priority is divided into short term, mid-term, long term, and ongoing:

- “Short term” is presumed to be activities which can be completed within two years. These are primarily changes to Zoning and other ordinances, and easily achievable actions.
- “Mid-term” activities will be commenced and/or completed between two and five years after adoption. These consist of lower-priority activities or those which require additional planning or preparation.
- “Long term” activities are those which are more nebulous, and for which the path to implementation has not yet come into focus.
- “Ongoing” is used to identify strategies which are currently in place and should continue.

Policies:	Strategies:	Implementation:
<p><b>AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Forestry remains Brighton Plantation’s primary industry and land use. While farming has declined, small-scale agricultural operations focused on specialty products still exist and reflect broader statewide trends.</p> <p>Brighton residents value working land but are cautious about overdevelopment and extractive practices. Even when facing outside pressures—like market-driven timber harvesting—they are reluctant to become part of the problem. They support responsible forest management and sustainable use that preserves the character of the community for future generations.</p> <p><b>State Goal: To safeguard the State's agricultural and forest resources from development which threatens those resources.</b></p>		
<p><b>Policies:</b></p> <p>1. To safeguard lands identified as prime farmland or capable of supporting commercial forestry.</p>	<p><b>Strategies:</b></p> <p>1.1: Consult with the Maine Forest Service district forester when developing any land use regulations pertaining to forest management practices as required by 12 M.R.S.A. §8869.</p> <p>1.2: Consult with Soil and Water Conservation District staff when developing any land use regulations pertaining to agricultural management practices.</p> <p>1.3: Amend land use ordinances to require commercial or subdivision developments in critical rural areas, if applicable, maintain areas with prime farmland soils as open space to the greatest extent practicable.</p> <p>1.4: Limit non-residential development in critical rural areas (if the town designates critical rural areas) to natural resource-based businesses and services, nature tourism/outdoor recreation businesses, farmers’ markets, and home occupations.</p>	<p><b>Implementation:</b></p>

<b>Policies:</b>	<b>Strategies:</b>	<b>Implementation:</b>
<p>2. To support farming and forestry and encourage their economic viability.</p>	<p>2.1: Encourage owners of productive farm and forest land to enroll in the current use taxation programs.</p> <p>2.2: Permit land use activities that support productive agriculture and forestry operations, such as roadside stands, greenhouses, firewood operations, sawmills, log buying yards, and pick-your-own operations.</p> <p>2.3: Include agriculture, forestry operations, and land conservation that supports them in local or regional economic development plans.</p>	

Green- new suggests

Blue- suggestions from meeting

Red- from old plan

**Goals, Policies, and Strategies from Previous Plan:**

These are to be discussed to determine if they were accomplished. If not, are they still relevant today?