

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:	Implementing Party/Timeframe:
<p><b>NATURAL AND WATER RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Brighton Plantation’s land and water assets provide a necessary buffer against environmental degradation and support for resource-based economic activity such as forestry. Water-based assets provide a basis for recreation as well as sustaining life. Protection of these assets from over-development is an important function of this Plan.</p> <p><b>State Goal for Natural Resources: 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.</b></p> <p><b>State Goal for Water Resources: To protect the quality and manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, estuaries, rivers, and coastal areas.</b></p>		
Policies:	Strategies:	Implementing Party/Timeframe:
<p>1. To conserve critical natural resources in the community.</p>	<p>1.1: Ensure that land use ordinances are consistent with applicable state law regarding critical natural resources.</p> <p>1.2: Designate critical natural resources as Critical Resource Areas in the Future Land Use Plan.</p> <p>1.3: Through local land use ordinances, require subdivision or non-residential property developers to look for and identify critical natural resources that may be on site and to take appropriate measures to protect those resources, including but not limited to, modification of the proposed site design, construction timing, and/or extent of excavation.</p> <p>1.4: Through local land use ordinances, require the planning board (or other designated review authority) to include as part of the review process, consideration of</p>	

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	<p>pertinent BWH maps and information regarding critical natural resources.</p> <p>1.5: Educate the public about the plantation's natural resources to raise awareness and improve protection efforts.</p>	
<p>2. To coordinate with neighboring communities and regional and state resource agencies to protect shared critical natural resources.</p>	<p>2.1: Initiate and/or participate in interlocal and/or regional planning, management, and/or regulatory efforts around shared critical and important natural resources.</p> <p>2.2: Pursue public/private partnerships to protect critical and important natural resources such as through purchase of land or easements from willing sellers.</p> <p>2.3: Distribute or make available information to those living in or near critical or important natural resources about current use tax programs and applicable local, state, or federal regulations.</p>	
<p><b>Water Resources Policies and Strategies</b></p>		
<p>1. To protect current and potential drinking water sources.</p>	<p>1.1: Adopt or amend local land use ordinances as applicable to incorporate stormwater runoff performance standards consistent with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maine Stormwater Management Law and Maine Stormwater regulations (Title 38 M.R.S.A. §420-D and 06-096 CMR 500 and 502).</li> </ul>	

Policies:	Strategies:	Implementing Party/Timeframe:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maine Department of Environmental Protection's allocations for allowable levels of phosphorus in lake/pond watersheds.</li> <li>○ Maine Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program</li> </ul> <p>1.2: Maintain groundwater protection standards for use and storage of toxic or hazardous materials and mineral extraction.</p>	
<p>2. To protect significant surface water resources from pollution and improve water quality where needed.</p>	<p>2.1: Consider amending local land use ordinances, as applicable, to incorporate low impact development standards.</p> <p>2.2: Where applicable, develop an urban impaired stream watershed management or mitigation plan that will promote continued development or redevelopment without further stream degradation.</p>	
<p>35. To protect water resources in growth areas while promoting more intensive development in those areas.</p>	<p>3.1: Maintain, enact or amend public wellhead and aquifer recharge area protection mechanisms, as necessary.</p> <p>3.2: Encourage landowners to protect water quality. Provide local contact information at the municipal office for water quality best management practices from resources such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District, Maine Forest Service, and/or Small Woodlot Association of Maine.</p>	

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	<p>3.6: Maintain standards for earth-moving and land-clearing activities in lake watersheds.</p> <p>3.7: Utilize the Department of Environmental Protection's handbook, <i>Phosphorus Control in Lake Watersheds</i>, to aid in establishing density, design, and development standards to maintain water quality.</p>	
<p>4. To minimize pollution discharges through the upgrade of existing public sewer systems and wastewater treatment facilities.</p>	<p>4.1: Adopt water quality protection practices and standards for construction and maintenance of public and private roads and public properties and require their implementation by contractors, owners, and community officials and employees.</p> <p>4.2: Seek funds to assist homeowners in voluntary upgrading of inadequate septic systems.</p>	
<p>5. To cooperate with neighboring communities and regional/local advocacy groups to protect water resources.</p>	<p>5.1: Participate in local and regional efforts to monitor, protect and, where warranted, improve water quality.</p> <p>5.2: Provide educational materials at appropriate locations regarding aquatic invasive species.</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?