

PREVIOUS PLANNING GOALS & PRIORITIES

LAND USE

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A mix of commercial uses which provide needed tax revenue, services, and quality employment opportunities (MP 2000)

Neighborhood Centers which preserve historic resources, are of moderate density, are well planned with a mix of land uses, and are connected internal corridors for public transportation, bike paths, and sidewalks (MP 2000)

Support zoning changes that encourage residential growth in such a manner that environmentally sensitive land is protected and the rural nature of the town is retained (MP 2000)

Create a specific menu of acceptable uses and design standards that protect and complement abutting residential neighborhoods (Rt. 138 Study 2012)

COMMON QUESTIONS

How do we balance and enhance our town character with the need for economic growth?

What tools and programs can Raynham use to encourage growth where you want it and discourage growth where you think it doesn't belong?

HOUSING

GOALS & PRIORITIES

A population consisting of families, young adults and the elderly of varying household size (MP 2000)

Develop affordable rental and ownership housing for young families, single persons, elderly, special needs populations, and median income families (Housing Production Plan 2010)

Ensure that Raynham maintains at least 10% SHI (Housing Production Plan 2010)

COMMON QUESTIONS

What types of housing units are needed in town?

Where should more housing be built?

Can older residents afford to stay in town? Can young households afford to move to town?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOALS & PRIORITIES

Proposed zoning changes, provision of wastewater to Route 138, and marketing of Raynham will attract an improved business mix (MP 2000)

Undertake various planning and marketing activities to promote new economic development as recommended in the Master Plan (MP 2000)

Support by-law changes to improve quality of commercial corridors...and village center areas (MP 2000)

COMMON QUESTIONS

What types of businesses belong in Raynham?

Where should new business growth happen in town?

How can Raynham compete with neighboring towns, the region, and the state to attract new businesses?

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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A system of trails and fields that reserves the town's important open spaces, farms, and natural resources, and limits sprawl development (MP 2000)

Promote awareness of Raynham's historical character; identify and protect historical places and scenic areas; and, utilize historic resources as a tool for natural resource preservation and economic development (MP 2000)

Preserve and protect the natural resources of the Taunton River and its watershed (Open Space & Recreation Plan 2012)

Establish a rural green belt of scenic and conservation interest (Open Space & Recreation Plan 2012)

Improve access to rivers and ponds and recreation of scenic areas (Open Space & Recreation Plan 2012)

COMMON QUESTIONS

What are the town's most important natural resources?

What historical and cultural assets should the town promote and protect?

Should Raynham promote public arts throughout town?
What is Raynham's culture and history?

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

GOALS & PRIORITIES

Recreation sites accessible to local residents (MP 2000)

Expand, preserve and protect Raynham's natural resources including surface waters, groundwaters, floodplains, wetlands, areas of environmental concerns, and priority sites of rare habitats (MP 2000)

Preserve and protect the Taunton river and its tributaries including wildlife, fisheries and vegetation in and around the River (MP 2000)

Expand recreational opportunities for all town residents, including biking and other recreational trails (MP 2000)

COMMON QUESTIONS

How can we add to existing open space networks (which are connected green spaces in town)?

What are the main recreation needs in town?



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SERVICES & FACILITIES

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A Town Civic Center which is a focal point of contemporary public facilities and activities (MP 2000)

A responsive town government operating out of contemporary facilities with the organization and resources needed to provide a high level of services including fire and safety (MP 2000)

Maintain and expand recreational facilities, infrastructure, and programs (Open Space & Recreation Plan 2012)

COMMON QUESTIONS

What town-owned facilities are in need of maintenance or expansion?

Are there services that the town can improve? What resources are available to make these improvements?



TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION

GOALS & PRIORITIES

A balance of pedestrian friendly residential, commercial/retail and industrial areas (MP 2000)

A circulation network of roads which ensure safety with monitored speed limits and sidewalks, bike paths and bus service to facilitate access in and around town (MP 2000)

A system of roads and land uses which minimize traffic congestion and curb cuts, and facilitate easy access (MP 2000)

To accommodate new development while also protecting the quality of life for area residents... the Town seeks near-term, low-cost initiatives and long-term infrastructure investments that work within the existing two-lane layout on Route 138 (Rt. 138 Study 2012)

COMMON QUESTIONS

Are there any traffic safety or congestion issues in Raynham?

Can residents safely ride bikes or walk in town? Do people want to?

Are there places in town where sidewalks or bike lanes make sense or are needed?