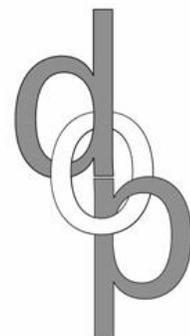


Town of Stonington
POCD Implementation Committee
PROGRESS REPORT

March 2007

STONINGTON
Department of Planning



Progress Report 3-2007
 Department of Planning Activities

INTRODUCTION

There are 150 Action Items identified in the Implementation Guide (Chapter 9) of the Stonington Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD):

- 37 are general policies; and
- 113 are tasks.

The POCD Implementation Committee has been created to monitor the plans progress and to make recommendations on areas that should be target for implementation. The following report is a result of the plans strong implementation chapter and serves as the tracking mechanism for the plan.

Legend

	Policy
BOLD	Addition since last report

ACTION ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE LAST REPORT

ITEM	PAGE	DESCRIPTION	COMPLETED
-	8-3	Greenhaven Zoning Map Amendment approved. SEE PZ0627ZC AND PZC0533POCD	12/19/2006
7 (15)	9-6	Prioritize open space acquisitions based on critical resource protection and recreational potential.	2/20/2007

ACTION ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS UNREALISTIC SINCE LAST REPORT

ITEM	PAGE	DESCRIPTION	REASON
		NONE.	

SUMMARY OF COMPLETED ITEMS

ACTION ITEM	DATE
Zoning Map Amendment on Greenhaven Road. POCD recommended village residential. Area rezoned from RR-80 residential to RA-20 Residential.	12/19/2006
Open Space Plan. Conservation Commission developed an Open Space Plan with resource maps and open space value criteria. Final Draft Plan finalized and forwarded to Board of Selectmen for review.	2/20/2007

ACTIVE ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	PAGE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
P3 (6)	9-6	Conservation Easements	Planning and Zoning Commission requires Conservation Easements over subdivision open space, regardless of ownership.
3 (4)	9-6	Open Space Acquisition funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Commission has been working on this project. • Department of Planning has submitted a CIP request for the FY 07-08 Budget
P6 (12)	9-6	Interconnect Open Space.	Greenway development is considered on every Planning and Zoning Commission application.
P7 (13)	9-6	Pawcatuck River Greenway Project	Initial trail development is being pursued (Pawcatuck River Pedestrian Bridge). STEAP application has been submitted to rebuild dock at Pawcatuck Park.
10 (1)	9-7	Adopt buildable land regulations to reduce development pressure on sensitive areas.	Planning and Zoning Commission has formed a subcommittee that is working with the Planning staff to address this topic.
16 (9)	9-7	Stormwater Quality	Staff level committee is working on a <i>Town Standards Manual</i> .
P11 (10)	9-7	Site design improvements for stormwater quality	Staff level committee is working on a <i>Town Standards Manual</i> .
P12	9-7	Provide vegetative buffers	The use of swales and limiting

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(13)			impacts to wetlands have been encouraged by Town staff and Commissions.
P14 (14)	9-7	Promote public education of non-point source pollution	Stonington Stormwater Task Force is working on outreach and education programs and has visited local schools to present on this topic.
P23 (6)	9-11	Encourage mixed retail and services.	Staff is working to attract mixed commercial opportunities.
48 (1)	9-12	<i>Revision</i>	Project is still underway. (2/5 mills approved)
55 (8)	9-13	LI-130 Re-orientation	First Application was denied. Conservation Commission is working to refine the proposal.
60 (13)	9-13	Consider creating a transportation/visitor center to mitigate idling busses, promote area attractions and reduce dependency on private motor vehicles between I-95 and Mystic	Joint Project: \$175,000 STEAP Grant and \$2,000,000 SAFTEA Grant have been awarded. Administrative requirements of the grant programs need to be completed prior to project initiation.
61 (14)	9-13	Allow the major institutional uses to share a common highway oriented promotional sign.	Project may involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New bus parking facility on Jerry Brown Road • Bike lanes on Coogan Boulevard • Landscaping on Coogan Boulevard • Wayfinding Signage Program in Mystic • Bike trail from Maritime Drive to Schooner's Wharf development.
62 (15)	9-13	Work cooperatively to create unified directional signage and streetscape elements throughout tourist areas and improve pedestrian connections to the Mystic Village Center	
63 (16)	9-13	Reconfigure Coogan Boulevard into a true boulevard with bicycle and pedestrian enhancements	No local funding has been allocated in the FY06-07 Budget CIP Request Submitted for FY07-08 Budget
67 (1)	9-14	Adopt density based zoning to allow more flexible development patterns to avoid environmentally sensitive areas and increase the	Planning and Zoning Commission has formed a subcommittee that is working with Department of Planning staff to address this topic.

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		percentage of open space.	
82 (1)	9-16	Addition to Town Hall	Project has been paused.
93 (2)	9-18	Create context sensitive road design standards	Staff level committee is working on a <i>Town Standards Manual</i> .
96 (1)	9-19	Explore expansion of SEAT	2005-06 Town Budget includes increase in SEAT budget for town-wide and Mystic Shuttle expansion. NO STATE FUNDING
97 (2)	9-19	Mystic jitney bus service	
		Route 1 Corridor Study	Planning and Zoning Commission has formed a subcommittee that is working with Department of Planning staff to address this topic.

COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	PAGE	DESCRIPTION	COMPLETED
P1 (2)	9-6	Open Space or FILOS is required for all subdivisions. SEE PZ0324RA	7-15-2003
7	9-16	Address Space Needs at the Town Garage	8-1-2005
12a. (3)	9-7	URA for Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission. SEE IW0413	7-22-2004
43 (2)	9-11	Initiate comprehensive village planning program in Pawcatuck.	Pawcatuck Study has been completed. 6-1-2005 (1/3)
49 (2)	9-12	Mill Redevelopment Floating Zone (IHRD). SEE PZ0446RA	9-6-2004
50 (1)	9-13	Highway Interchange Zone Revision. SEE PZ0436RA	9-27-2004
54 (6)	9-13	Additional Uses in the HI Zone. SEE PZ0636RA	9-27-2004
58 (11)	9-13	Create Maritime Historical/ Education Zone at Mystic Seaport (MHD). SEE PZ0521RA	6-21-2005
66	9-14	Create Design Review Committee	BOS motion for a

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(19)			temporary committee but has not appointed any members.
74 (5)	9-14	Create Housing Affordability Committee	
P37 (4)	9-19	Parking Regulations require bicycle consideration. SEE PZ0361RA	6-21-2004
99 (1)	9-19	Maximum parking; alternative minimum standards. SEE PZ0361RA	6-21-2004
100 (2)	9-19	Parking reductions. SEE PZ0361RA	6-21-2004
101 (3)	9-19	Parking lot landscaping SEE PZ0361RA	6-21-2004
102 (4)	9-19	Pervious paving options. SEE PZ0361RA	6-21-2004
103 (5)	9-19	Excessive lighting. SEE PZ0436RA	9-27-2004
Not Listed in POCD		Amendment to Future Land Use Plan (8-3) to change an area from Low Density Residential to Village Residential SEE PZ0533POCD	8-16-2005
P21 (4)	9-11	Encourage mixed-use development. SEE PZ0572RA AND PZ0613RA	6-18-2006
P22 (5)	9-11	Encourage in-fill development. SEE PZ0572RA AND PZ0613RA	6-18-2006
4 (7)	9-6	Investigate adopting regulations to allow development flexibility for open space preservation. SEE PZ0626RA	8-21-2006
-	8-3	Greenhaven Zoning Map Amendment approved. SEE PZ0627ZC AND PZC0533POCD	12/19/2006
7 (15)	9-6	Prioritize open space acquisitions based on critical resource protection and recreational potential. SEE PZ0701POCD	2/20/2007

ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE UNREALISTIC

ITEM	PAGE	DESCRIPTION	REASON
65 (18)	9-14	Consider roundabout at Jerry Brown Rd. and Whitehall Ave.	Traffic light installation has been completed by CT DOT.
33 (6)	9-9	Create "Neighborhood Marine" zone. SEE PZ0456RA AND PZ0570RA	Public Hearing held on 12-6-2005. Second attempt. Application has been denied.
71 (2)	9-14	Encourage Age-Restricted housing where appropriate. SEE PZ0544RA	Regulation Amendment Application was denied 5-0 by the PZC 12-20-2005. This Commission is not interested in a specific tool for this land use activity.
110 (5)	9-20	If feasible, connect the Mystic sewer system into the Groton sewer system	The Town of Groton is not interested.
6 (10)	9-6	Investigate requiring "open space developments" resulting in higher percentage of open space. SEE PZ0626RA	The PZC is not convinced that this development tool is appropriate to be a required development style.

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

	Completed 12/2006 – 3/2006	Completed Prior to 3/2007	Total Items ¹	Total Completed	Percent Complete
General Policy	0	4	37	4	10.8%
Task	1	19 $\frac{1}{3}$	113	20 $\frac{1}{3}$	17.9%
TOTAL	1	23$\frac{1}{3}$	150	24$\frac{1}{3}$	16.2%

1 Includes Unrealistic Items

	Remaining	Active	% Active	% Active (Remaining)
General Policy	33	7	18.9%	21.2%
Task	92 $\frac{2}{3}$	14	12.8%	15.1%
TOTAL	125$\frac{2}{3}$	22	14.6%	17.5%

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