

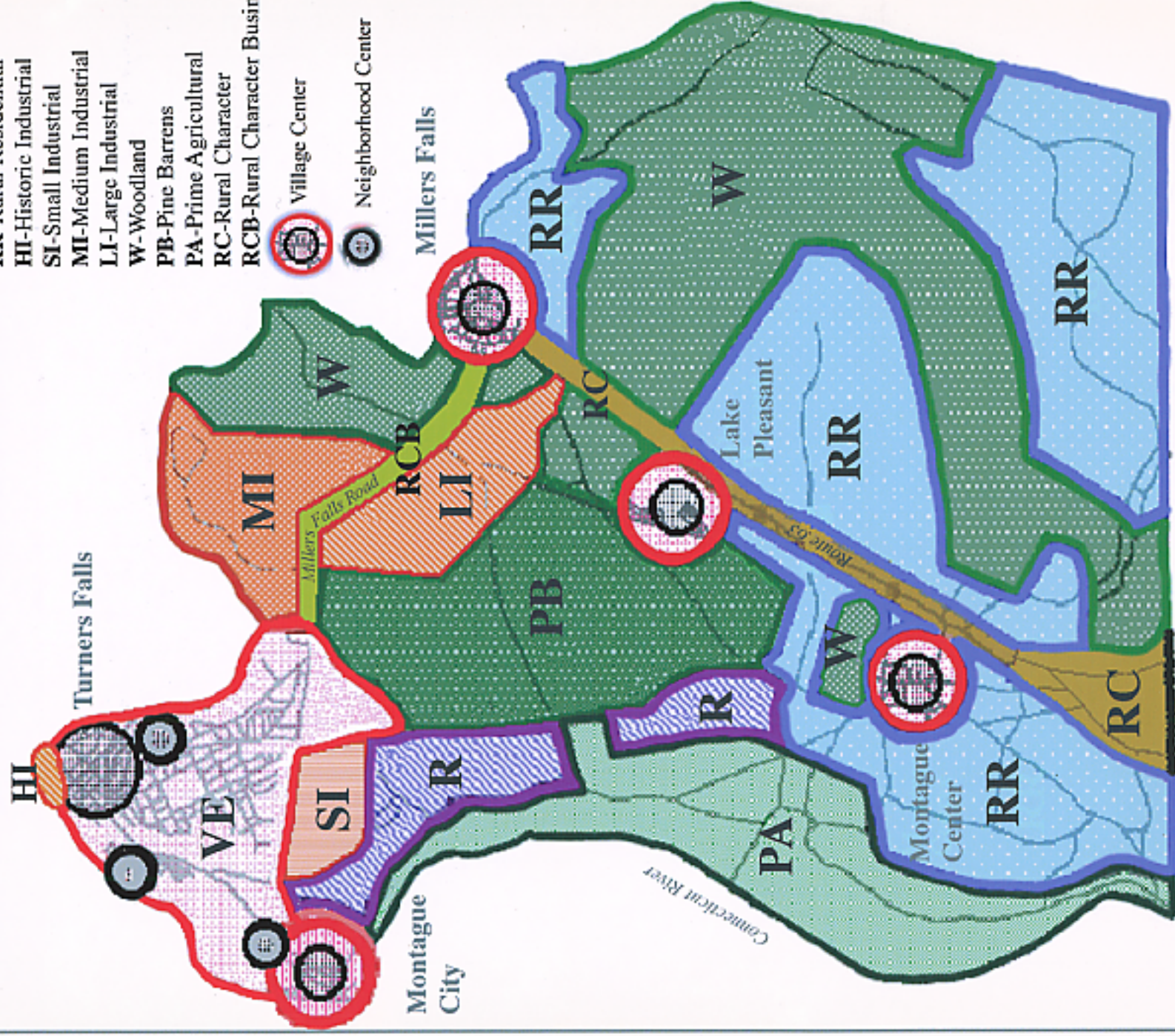


# Future Land Use

## Town of Montague - Comprehensive Plan

KEY	
VE	Village Expanded
R	Residential
RR	Rural Residential
HI	Historic Industrial
SI	Small Industrial
MI	Medium Industrial
LI	Large Industrial
W	Woodland
PB	Pine Barrens
PA	Prime Agricultural
RC	Rural Character
RCB	Rural Character Business
	Village Center
	Neighborhood Center







## IMPLEMENTATION

A great deal of time, community input and assessment has been incorporated into developing this Comprehensive Plan. To ensure that the plan remains viable and responsive to Montague's needs over the next ten years, this section dealing with plan implementation has been developed. A system of notations has been included both here and within the text, to make this document readily understandable and, most importantly, a catalyst for the successful completion of the plan's stated goals and action steps.

Each action step is defined by several parameters and included within the following Plan Schedule:

1. A lead person, group or committee has been identified for each action step. By assigning specific key people to take control of a particular project, accountability will be clear and straightforward. It will be this person's or group's responsibility to see the action step through to completion and to make adjustments as necessary to meet the Town's goals. When appropriate, memos of agreement could be established with these groups to further clarify the lines of authority and direction.
2. Each action step has been keyed to a time frame considered appropriate to accomplish its task. Short-term are fairly simple tasks that can be accomplished quickly, inexpensively, and with a minimum of change to "business as usual" procedures or roles. Mid-term projects require more coordination among groups, some planning and funding, and may require completion of other tasks first. Long-term projects often require sustained efforts and coordination, integration with other plans and action steps, and reliance on substantial funding. Such aspects as reorganization, retraining, and feasibility studies may be involved.
3. Each action step is also analyzed for its impact on the Town in terms of required

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human effort, needed financing, and implied pattern changing (e.g., reorganization or retraining) so that the success of that action is ensured.

4. The parties involved in each step should develop benchmark indicators for those steps. For example, “Number of jobs created” is a benchmark that partially indicates the amount of economic development from year to year. “Number of building permits” will be an indication of how quickly the town is growing.

For information purposes the Planning Board will report to Town Meeting members on an annual basis during the ten year life of the plan to provide progress reports as measured against the Plan Schedule. This will help also to keep the Comprehensive Plan fresh in the minds of citizens, officials, and planners. The annual review will serve as a test of how well the Plan Schedule has been formulated, as well as a guide for adjustments based on changing circumstances.

Public forums will be held every few years to ascertain public opinion as to the success or shortcomings of the plan.

A general update of the Comprehensive Plan will be conducted during Year 5.



## HOUSING

section	step id.	step	lead	alt. lead	time frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
03	A1	Inventory housing stock-downtown	CDP	BI	M	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
03	A2	Create housing team	BOS	TA	S	3	4	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
03	A3	Develop strategies to deal with landlords	HT	TA	L	2	5	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
03	A4	Develop housing upgrade strategy	HT	CDP	L	2	2	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
03	A5	Allow mixed comm./res. uses in the DT areas	PB	CDP	S	3	5	4	4.0	A-easy
03	B1	Implement open space development zoning options	PB	CDP	M	3	5	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
03	C1	Inventory housing stock-remainder of town	CDP	BI	M	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
03	C2	Assess demographic trends	CDP	PB	L	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
03	C3	Encourage private market housing thru zoning	PB	CDP	S	3	5	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
03	C4	Pursue public housing strategies	HT	TA	L	2	2	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
03	C5	Encourage assisted living facility	HT	CDP	L	3	4	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
03	C6	Extend infrastructure to residential growth areas	BOS	HWY	L	2	2	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
03	C7	Develop phased growth bylaw	PB	CDP	M	3	4	2	3.0	B-somewhat easy
03	D1	Study Title V regulations	CDP	PB	M	4	5	4	4.3	A-easy



## CULTURAL &amp; HISTORIC RESOURCES

section	step id.	stop	lead	all. lead	time frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
04	A1	Preserve historic viewsheds, including thru zoning	PB	CC	L	4	3	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
04	A2	Promote Conn. River Heritage Corridor	DISC	TA	M	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
04	A3	Restore town cemeteries	CEM	HIS COM	M	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
04	A4	Create educational programs/exhibits	DISC	GMRSD	L	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
04	B1	Inventory historic/cultural sites	CDP	HIS COM	S	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
04	B2	Develop incentives/preservation efforts	TA	HIS COM	M	4	4	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
04	B3	Develop design guidelines etc. to preserve hist. integrity	PB	CDP	M	3	3	2	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
04	C1	Promote adaptive reuse of historic bldgs/brownfields	PB	TA	M	3	4	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
04	C2	Work with owners to redevelop industrial bldgs	TA	MEDIC	L	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
04	C3	Support reuse of Rod Shop Buildings	PB	CDP	M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
04	C4	Lend town support to affiliated groups (Grange, Masons)	TA	CDP	L	4	5	5	4.7	A-easy
04	D1	Design network of library/exhibit spaces	LIBRARY	HIS COM	L	2	3	2	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
04	D2	Maintain and enhance Shea Theatre	TA	CCC	L	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
04	D3	Design/build new outdoor performing space	CDP	DIO	S	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy





## COMMUNITY ISSUES

section	step id.	step	lead	alt. lead	time frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
05	A1	Improve quality of housing	HT		L	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
05	A2	Identify/implement neighborhood centers	CDP	PB	M	4	4	2	3.3	B-somewhat easy
05	A3	Develop programs to improve downtown commercial areas	TA	MEDIC	L	2	3	2	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
05	A4	Amend zoning (setbacks) to encourage economic vitality	PB	BI	S	4	5	3	4.0	A-easy
05	A5	Amend zoning to allow limited mixed uses in rural villages	PB	BI	S	3	5	4	4.0	A-easy
05	A6	Seek appropriate infill development	TA	CDP	L	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
05	A7	Seek funding/space for social service organizations	TA	CDP	M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
05	A8	Create spaces/programs for multi-generational interaction	TA	PB	M	3	3	2	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
05	B1	Support efforts to create sense of community	BOS	CPSM	L	2	4	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
05	B2	Increase police visibility	BOS	POL	M	4	3	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
05	B3	Support fire departments	BOS	FIRE	S	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
05	B4	Facilitate handicap accessibility	BI	HLTH AG	L	4	2	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
05	B5	Ensure quality town roads and sidewalks	HWY		L	2	1	4	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
05	C1	Assess need for townwide health services	HLTH BD		M	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
05	C2	Develop/enhance targeted health services	HLTH AG	NURSE	M	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
05	C3	Provide physical accessibility to services & facilities	HLTH AG	BI	M	4	3	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
05	D1	Assess need for/pursue senior center & teen centers	TA	BOS	M	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
05	D2	Integrate use of school facilities with community needs	GMRSD	BOS	M	4	4	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
05	E1	Promote excellence in schools	GMRSD	citizens	L	1	2	2	1.7	D-difficult
05	E2	Provide flexible infrastructure/bldgs/technology for schools	GMRSD	CIP	M	2	1	3	2.0	C-somewhat difficult
05	E3	Strengthen school accountability/prepare for future	GMRSD	FIN	S	4	5	2	3.7	B-somewhat easy
05	E4	Leverage Franklin County Tech programs	GMRSD	FCTECH	M	4	4	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
05	E5	Coordinate/develop adult education/job training	GMRSD	MBA	M	3	3	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
05	F1	Ensure efficient/integrated town regs and procedures	TA		S	3	5	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
05	F2	Consider reorganization of town departments	TA		S	3	4	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
05	F3	Streamline permit application process	TA	CLERK	S	4	4	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
05	F4	Use technology to provide access to gov't	TA	CABLE	M	4	3	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
05	F5	Develop crisis response team and procedures	TA		S	4	5	3	4.0	A-easy
05	F6	Simplify zoning and subdivision bylaws	PB	CDP	S	2	4	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy



## OPEN SPACE

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section	step id.	step	lead	alt. lead	time frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
07	A1	Retain control over Plains roads	BOS	PB	M	5	4	4	4.3	A-easy
07	A2	Extend water supply overlay to Plains	PB	CDP	M	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
07	A3	Encourage sale of Plains to conservation entities	BOS	CC	M	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
07	A4	Plan Plains infrastructure for industrial uses	TA		M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
07	A5	Assess financial impact of rezoning Plains	FIAC		S	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
07	B1	Cooperate with Ag. Pres. Restrictions program	CC	CDP	L	4	3	5	4.0	A-easy
07	B2	Work with land trusts to preserve natural areas	CC	CDP	L	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
07	B3	Support cont'd operation of fish hatchery	CC	CDP	L	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
07	B4	Participate in Scenic Farm Byway	BOS	PB	M	4	5	4	4.3	A-easy
07	B5	Cooperate with Conte F&W Refuge	CC	CDP	M	4	5	5	4.7	A-easy
07	B6	Study Conn. River Heritage Corridor	DISC	TA	M	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
07	C1	Work with Natural Resources Conservation Service	CC	CDP	L	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
07	C2	Encourage environmental educ. by public entities	GMRSD	CC	L	4	5	4	4.3	A-easy
07	D1	Inventory natural viewsheds	CDP	PB	S	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
07	D2	Create scenic viewshed bylaw	PB	CDP	L	4	5	3	4.0	A-easy
07	D3	Work with conserv. entities to preserve views	CDP	CC	M	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
07	E1	Expand recycling program	HWY	citizens	L	4	3	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy

## NATURAL RESOURCES





## RECREATION

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

section	step id.	step	lead	all. lead	time frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
09	A1	Institutionalize Capital Improvements Planning	BOS	CIP	S	3	5	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
09	A2	Inventory town-owned lands	CDP	BI	S	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
09	A3	Create physical plan for Turnpike Road landfill site	CDP	PB	S	4	3	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
09	A4	Plan for Farren medical cluster & Rod shop areas	CDP	PB	M	3	4	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
09	A5	Develop Phase 3 of Industrial Park	TA	MEDIC	M	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	A6	Establish Plains industrial & open space zones	PB	CC	M	2	2	2	2.0	C-somewhat difficult
09	A7	Coordinate Airport plan with other planning efforts	AIR MGR	PB	M	4	5	3	4.0	A-easy
09	B1	Ensure infrastructure for economic development	SPDIST	HWY	L	2	1	4	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
09	B2	Consider re-organization of Special Districts	BOS	SPDIST	M	2	3	1	2.0	C-somewhat difficult
09	B3	Develop adequate parking in commercial areas	TA	MBA	M	3	2	3	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
09	B4	Develop parking for canal industry buildings	MEDIC	CDP	S	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	B5	Develop regional solid waste processing at landfill site	TA	WWTP	M	3	3	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	C1	Develop downtown streetscape plans	CDP	MBA	M	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	C2	Support/work with resources of Scenic Farm By-Way	PB	BOS	M	4	5	3	4.0	A-easy
09	D1	Promote adaptive re-use of historic buildings	TA	CDP	L	2	3	3	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
09	D2	Seek redevelopment of brownfield sites	TA	CDP	L	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
09	E1	Prepare informational materials-town regulations	TA		S	3	4	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
09	E2	Develop incentive tools to attract & retain employers	TA	MEDIC	M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
09	E3	Amend "General Business" district to guide future use	PB	CDP	S	3	4	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
09	E4	Create mixed-use zoning in DT & rural areas	PB	CDP	S	3	5	4	4.0	A-easy
09	E5	Develop "Village Business" designations	PB	CDP	M	3	4	2	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	E6	Maintain/establish zoning to support medical facilities	PB	CDP	S	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
09	E7	Study potential industrial areas -Rivers Act exemption	CC	CDP	S	4	5	4	4.3	A-easy
09	F1	Attract/retain businesses through downtown marketing	TA	MBA	M	2	4	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	F2	Encourage "Downtown Business Associations"	TA	MBA	S	3	4	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
09	F3	Encourage use of Montague sites for gov't/institutional	BOS	MEDIC	L	3	3	5	3.7	B-somewhat easy
09	F4	Pursue complementary business in Airport Ind. Park	BOS	TA	M	4	3	2	3.0	B-somewhat easy
09	G1	Support/create "agricultural issues focus group"	CDP	BOS	M	4	5	3	4.0	A-easy
09	G2	Participate - regional/state farm stabilization programs	CDP	AG ISS	M	3	5	4	4.0	A-easy
09	H1	Consider regional meteorological training ctr. @airport	AIR MGR	FCTECH	M	3	4	5	4.0	A-easy
09	H2	Consider regional crafts/micro-industry center	ARTISANS	GMRSD	M	3	4	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
09	H3	Consider "Art-stead" crafts district in urban villages	CDP	ARTISANS	L	3	3	1	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
09	H4	Establish "eco-industrial" park	TA	CDP	L	2	2	2	2.0	C-somewhat difficult



## PUBLIC FACILITIES

section	step id	step	lead	alt. lead	line frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
10	A1	Assess/implement new/expanded senior center	TA	CDP	M	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
10	A2	Assess/implement teen center	TA	BRICK	M	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
10	A3	Consider combined senior/teen center	TA	BOS	M	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
10	B1	Develop/implement school capital improvements	GMRSD	CIP	M	1	1	1	1.0	D-difficult
10	B2	Study regional meteorological training center	AIR MGR	FCTECH	L	2	2	4	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
10	B3	Incorporate community access to schools	GMRSD	TA	M	3	3	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
10	C1	Assess Highway Dept. physical/facilities needs	HWY	CIP	S	4	2	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
10	C2	Evaluate requirements of fire stations	FIRE	CIP	M	4	5	5	4.7	A-easy
10	C3	Assess/implement new/renovated police station	POL	CIP	M	3	2	2	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
10	C4	Consider creation of single dispatch center	POL	FIRE	S	3	4	5	4.0	A-easy
10	C5	Assess/implement new or renovated town hall	BOS	CIP	M	2	2	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
10	D1	Maintain/enhance access points to rivers	OPSPAC	CC	M	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
10	D2	Support community outdoor recreational sites	PARKS		M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
10	D3	Develop town beach	PARKS	CDP	L	3	3	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
10	D4	Create appropriate info stations on bikeway	CDP	BIKE	S	4	4	5	4.3	A-easy
10	E1	Facilitate accessibility to community sites	BI	BOS	L	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy





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11	A1	Reconstitute Capital Improvements Planning	BOS	CIP	S	3	5	3	3.7	B-somewhat easy
11	A2	Develop zoning to encourage infill development	PB	CDP	S	2	5	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
11	A3	Designate residential growth areas	PB	CDP	S	4	5	4	4.3	A-easy
11	A4	Extend infrastructure to growth areas	BOS	HWY	L	2	1	3	2.0	C-somewhat difficult
11	A5	Determine if phased-growth by-law is appropriate	PB	CDP	M	3	4	2	3.0	B-somewhat easy
11	A6	Move toward merging of Special Districts	BOS	SPDIST	L	2	3	1	2.0	C-somewhat difficult
11	B1	Determine growth capacity-water & sewer	CDP		S	5	5	5	5.0	A-easy
11	B2	Implement construction/repairs to sewer lines	HWY	WWTP	L	2	1	5	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
11	B3	Evaluate/implement water supply options	SPDIST		L	2	1	4	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
11	B4	Create sustainable method for sludge disposal	WWTP	FCSWD	M	3	2	3	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
11	C1	Ensure appropriate technology for schools	GMRSD	CABLE	M	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
11	C2	Support greater cable TV services	CABLE	BOS	S	3	4	5	4.0	A-easy
11	D1	Encourage ample supply of clean energy	BOS	UTIL	M	2	3	3	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
11	D2	Encourage burial of utility lines	BOS	UTIL	L	3	1	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
11	D3	Encourage expansion of natural gas lines	BOS	UTIL	M	3	2	5	3.3	B-somewhat easy

# INFRASTRUCTURE



## CIRCULATION &amp; TRANSPORTATION

section	step id.	step	lead	all lead	time frame	impact, time	impact, money	impact, pattern changes	impact - avg.	level of difficulty
12	A1	Participate in reconstituted capital planning	HWY	CIP	L	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
12	A2	Update the Airport Master Plan	AIR MGR	PB	S	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
12	A3	Work with Scenic Farm Byway - guardrails, signs, views	PB	CC	M	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
12	A4	Develop yearly transportation improvement plan	BOS	HWY	L	3	4	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy
12	B1	Ensure quality and maintainability of main connector roads	HWY	BOS	L	2	2	2	2.0	C-somewhat difficult
12	B2	Ensure quality and maintainability of side roads	HWY	BOS	L	2	2	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
12	B3	Use traffic calming approaches where appropriate	HWY	CDP	M	3	2	3	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
12	B4	Address conflicts: commercial, residential uses of roads	BOS	HWY	L	3	4	3	3.3	B-somewhat easy
12	C1	Address commercial needs through parking areas	TA	CIP	M	3	2	3	2.7	C-somewhat difficult
12	C2	Address parking needs: build new lot in historical area	TA	CDP	S	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
12	D1	Carry out plans for development of airport	AIR MGR		L	2	2	3	2.3	C-somewhat difficult
12	D2	Leverage airport assets to promote industry/tourism	AIR MGR	MEDIC	M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
12	E1	Facilitate handicap accessibility to community/gov't sites	BI	BOS	L	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
12	E2	Ensure quality and maintainability of sidewalks	HWY	BOS	L	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
12	F1	Encourage freight rail stop in Millers Falls	CDP	TA	L	3	2	4	3.0	B-somewhat easy
12	F2	Encourage passenger rail stop in Millers Falls	TA	CDP	M	3	3	3	3.0	B-somewhat easy
12	F3	Take future steps toward "rail banking"	CDP	HWY	L	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
12	G1	Develop Montague portion of Franklin County Bike Path	HWY	MEDIC	M	3	3	4	3.3	B-somewhat easy
12	G2	Work with regional entities on mass transportation needs	CDP	MEDIC	L	4	4	4	4.0	A-easy
12	G3	Support recreation needs through biking	TA	PARKS	M	4	3	4	3.7	B-somewhat easy



## Abbreviations

ACCT	Town Accountant
AGING	Council on Aging
AG ISS	Agricultural Issues group
AIR COM	Airport Commission
AIR MGR	Airport Manager
ARTISANS	Artisans group
BI	Building Inspector
BIKE	Franklin County Bikeway Committee
BOS	Board of Selectmen
BRICK	Brick House
CABLE	Cable Advisory Committee
CC	Conservation Commission
CCC	Civic Center Commission
CDP	Community Development Planner
CEM	Cemetery Committee and/or Cemetery Commission
CIP	Capital Improvements Planning
citizens	common, ordinary, salt of the earth citizens
CLERK	Town Clerk
CPSM	Community Partnership for a Safe Montague
DIO	Downtown Improvement Organization
DISC	Great Falls Discovery Center
FCSWD	Franklin County Solid Waste District
FCTECH	Franklin County Technical School
FIAC	Financial Impact Advisory Committee
FIN	Finance Committee
GMDEPT	Gill Montague RSD Department

GMRSO	Gill Montague Regional School District
GMTA	Greenfield Montague Transportation Authority
HIS COM	Historic Commission
HIS SOC	Historical Society
HLTH AG	Health Agent
HLTH BD	Health Board
HT	Housing Team
HWY	Highway Dept.
IP TEN	Industrial Park Tenants
LIBRARY	Library director and/or board
MEDIC	Montague Economic Development Industrial Corporation
NU	Northeast Utilities
OPSPAC	Open Space Planning Committee
PARKS	Parks and Recreation
PB	Planning Board
POL	Police
SHEA	Shea Theater
SPDIST	Special Districts
TA	Town Administrator
TMTG	Town Meeting members
UTIL	Utilities in town
WATER	Water departments
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals





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## Goals and Policies

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1. Preserve and enhance the historic, architectural, and cultural character of our town.

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1.A. Retain and enhance historic, architectural, and cultural elements of the villages

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1.B. Retain and enhance distinct character of the village neighborhoods

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1.C. Retain and enhance historic elements of the outlying areas

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2. Ensure the quality of our residential neighborhoods and our residential growth.

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2.A. Improve livability of neighborhoods

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2.B. Improve quality of housing stock

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2.C. Anticipate future housing needs

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3. Improve our climate for quality commerce and industry, including ag/forestry business.

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3.A. Ensure best use of infrastructure in support of commercial/industrial uses, while protecting important natural resources

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3.B. Support and catalyze vital downtown areas

3.C. Encourage reuse of viable historic industrial areas

3.D. Support limited commercial activity in the rural villages

3.E. Support best uses for town-owned undeveloped lands

3.F. Discourage commercial strip development

3.G. Focus industrial development of the Plains in its northern section while preserving the remainder of the Plains.

3.H. Support appropriate commercial/industrial activity through better customer service by the town

3.I. Support ag/forestry businesses.

3.J. Encourage development of the Airport Industrial Park and other industrial zones.

4. Improve our active and passive recreational opportunities.

4.A. Wisely use water bodies as recreational resources

4.B. Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation

4.C. Develop new recreational opportunities



5. Support a safe and harmonious community for all our residents.

5.A. Support diversity of and respect between residents

5.B. Create physically safe communities

5.C. Improve citizen participation and simplify town regulations

5.D. Develop community facilities as needed to support the population

5.E. Develop government facilities as needed, to support the population

5.F. Ensure upkeep of roads and sidewalks

5.G. Plan for new capital assets and for upkeep of existing capital assets

6. Guide appropriate use of regionally significant resources of our town.

6.A. Support regional cultural and tourist resources

6.B. Support regional natural resources

6.C. Support regional transportation facilities

6.D. Support and create partnerships with regional medical facilities



6.E. Support regional government facilities

6.F. Support regional education & training facilities

7. Guide appropriate use of our open space and sensitive natural resources.

7.A. Preserve prime farmland

7.B. Focus industrial development of the Plains in its northern section while preserving the remainder of the Plains.

7.C. Preserve ecology of forested areas, sensitive natural areas, and wildlife corridors

7.D. Protect sensitive aspects of water body resources.

7.E. Preserve significant natural viewsheds

7.F. Support recycling of materials

8. Support quality educational opportunities for all our residents.

8.A. Provide future resources to meet K-12 educational needs

8.B. Provide future resources to meet adult education and job training needs

8.C. Integrate use of school buildings with community needs





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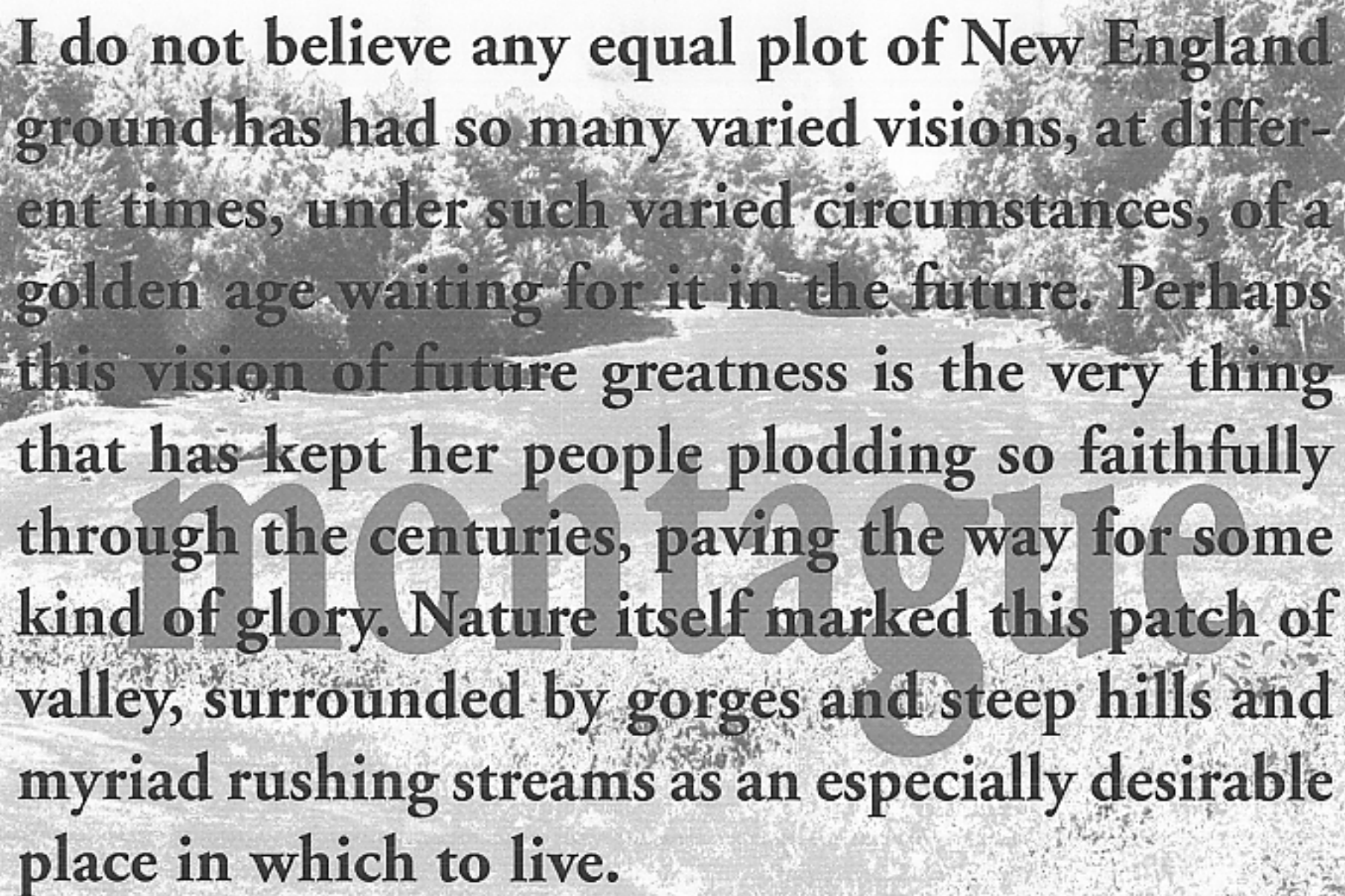
8.D. Provide resources to serve alternative education needs

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8.E. Integrate education and environmental awareness needs

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I do not believe any equal plot of New England ground has had so many varied visions, at different times, under such varied circumstances, of a golden age waiting for it in the future. Perhaps this vision of future greatness is the very thing that has kept her people plodding so faithfully through the centuries, paving the way for some kind of glory. Nature itself marked this patch of valley, surrounded by gorges and steep hills and myriad rushing streams as an especially desirable place in which to live.



## Resources



