

CPUSC Discussion Topics to Revisit (last discussed at 8/21/2025 CPUSC Meeting)

Suggestions Gleaned from Public Feedback	Staff Recommendation (blue text denotes staff suggested changes to Draft Comp Plan):
Suggestion for a defined schedule for attaining goals (e.g. 1,3,5,10 years) (and move to body of report)	<p>Staff recommend moving the implementation matrix out of the Appendix and into the Draft Plan document starting on page 128 (making this the last pages of Plan)</p> <p>Regarding the request to define a detailed schedule of accomplishing recommendations (in the Implementation Matrix) Staff advise against including too much detail (e.g., specifying exactly how many years for accomplishing a recommendation), as many will require separate planning, project management, and individual workplans to set timeframes for accomplishment. Too much detail in this plan could conflict with project schedules. However staff recommend the following to help provide more detail.</p> <p>Adding sentence to Implementation matrix summary that states: "<i>Timeframes set by this matrix are generally defined as follows: Short (1-3 years), Mid (4-6 years), Long (7-10+ years) and ongoing (throughout all timeframes).</i>"</p>
	<p>At the request of the committee, staff plans to move the About PlaceTypes section (pp. 38-41 to the Appendix and will replace examples outside of Brunswick with local ones. Staff will add a reference note on page 45 indicating that more information on PlaceTypes can be found in the Appendix.</p>
Requiring development to build placemaking elements (like parks and community spaces)	<p>Staff recommend updating Action E.18 to state (additions in blue):</p> <p><i>"Require development of a certain size to maintain usable green space, and require rural developments to follow Open Space standards. Usable green space might be used to promote outdoor public community elements such as park space, gathering/event space, functional recreation space or other placemaking amenities like benches, picnic tables, playgrounds, splash pads, etc."</i></p>
Require that all multifamily residential provide streets and sidewalks that connect with adjacent land (connect the street grid) and provide ample green space	<p>Staff recommend adding a new ongoing action under Safe and Connected Streets (Under G Actions) which states:</p> <p><i>"Explore opportunities that promote a gridded street network, and engaging vibrant streetscapes. Connect neighborhoods, developments, and expand interconnectness throughout the Town for all users."</i></p>
To support LIHTC projects, specifying a priority to develop more affordable housing in areas of town that particularly ripe for transformation (e.g. "transform" areas.) and clearly stating a timeline. Suggested language: "Brunswick is focused on facilitating the development of affordable housing in the coming decade, especially within the areas of town that have been labeled as particularly in need of transformation."	<p>Staff recommend adding a new ongoing action B.11 under Housing Development Initiatives that states:</p> <p><i>"In Growth Areas, prioritize affordable housing development in close proximity to public transit."</i></p>
Area G – Transportation (Page 116)– Does having a system of electric vehicle charging stations belong in Area G? (reference EV as per the Climate Action Plan)	<p>Staff recommend adding a new short term and ongoing action under Quality of Life (Under G Actions) that states:</p> <p><i>"Explore expanding the Town's regulatory toolkit, investment, or other partnership opportunities to grow the electric vehicle charging infrastructure to meet demands of users living, working, or visiting Brunswick."</i></p>
Is there a need to the land acquisition chart on page 45	<p>Staff recommend removing the land acquisition table from page 88. The Anticipated Capital Investments can summarize these anticipated acquisitions instead in the text instead of making them the focus of this page.</p>
add accountability plan to town website Town project list	<p>Staff recommend adding sentence to Implementation matrix summary that states:</p> <p><i>"Each lead agency should monitor implementation of these action strategies on an annual basis and communicate yearly action accomplishments to the Planning and Development Department. The Planning and Development Department will periodically update the Town Council on implementation progress."</i></p>
bike lanes downtown, painted lines, bus shelters at each bus stop	<p>Staff recommend updating Action G.5 to state (additions in blue):</p> <p><i>"Explore locations for Add additional new bus shelters and additional amenities like to include bike racks, and defined bike lanes where feasible throughout the Town"</i></p>
explore opportunities encouraging for fee-in-lieu or impact fee for larger scale converted uses	<p>To address these concerns, staff recommend focusing a recommendation on the types of growth being sought and where. Future amendments during a comprehensive zoning update can focus on what uses to include or not include and where.</p> <p>If the committee is interested in having an action below is a possible new (short term and ongoing) recommendation that could go under Strategic Local Economic Development as Action D.11</p> <p><i>"Prioritize active commercial uses and higher density in areas adjacent to major commercial corridors and mix use zoning districts."</i></p>
revisit executive summary and lessons learned (rewrite in 1st person and personal to Brunswick)	<p>Staff will rewrite the executive summary and lessons learned in first person and make it read as more personalized. The draft plan will be updated to include this for review at the November meeting.</p>
more info on watershed plan expanding priority list	<p>First, to respond to the committee's discussion about referencing other Town plans, staff will update the draft comprehensive plan with links to the Climate Action Plan and Watershed Management Plan, etc. and believe this will suffice. Staff advise not to attach other plans to the Appendix given that they are separate policy documents. Adding a separate plans to the Appendix may also present issues if those plans are ever amended in the future.</p>
	<p>Staff believe the current actions as written which describe implementing the Climate Action Plan (Action E.14) and Marebrook Watershed Management Plan (Action E.1) are sufficient and additional summary of what they contain is unnecessary. Staff advise not to summarize some of the priorities from each document because it may give a disproportionate amount of focus on certain priorities and not others.</p>