

XII. Implementation Program - Summary

Most of the chapters in this Town Plan contain specific policies and recommended actions designed to implement the goals which were presented in Chapter II. A brief synopsis of principal implementing measures is presented here. Refer to the text of the Plan for a thorough discussion of these items.

- * The Town Plan should serve as a guide to local officials. Boards and commissions should refer to the plan as a regular part of their decision-making process.

The Town Plan should be consulted as the Town reviews and comments on the plans of state agencies, the regional planning commission, and neighboring towns. The Planning Commission and Board of Selectmen should also appear at any Act 250 hearings in Sandgate and offer testimony on a proposed development's conformance with the plan.

- * Enforcement of the town's regulations -- especially the zoning, subdivision, and health ordinances -- is necessary to ensure that the objectives of the Town Plan are realized. These regulations should be periodically reviewed and amended as appropriate.
- * The Planning Commission should utilize soil maps, geographic information systems, and other data and technologies that provide valuable information for land use planning.
- * The town should evaluate the need for public facilities and services, giving consideration to development of a capital budget to help plan for such needs.
- * The Board of Selectmen must give careful consideration to all proposals for transfers of private land to the United States Forest Service. The fiscal (tax) impacts must be evaluated together with the value of resources present and the appropriateness or potential for development on the parcel.
- * Sandgate should participate in multi-town or regional planning initiatives dealing with solid waste management, transportation, the Taconic forests, recreation, public services, and other issues that require cooperation among several towns.

Important historic and natural resources (including agricultural land) should be inventoried. Programs that are designed to preserve these resources should be supported.