



Belmont Master Plan

Conservation & Preservation

As well as reviewing the status of the Goals and Objectives that were included as part of the 1992 Master Plan, the Conservation & Preservation Committee is considering the following as future Goals and Objectives.

- Goal A Acknowledge the need to incorporate annual studies and mapping of wildlife, habitat, and travel corridors throughout the town.**
- Objective 1** Utilize UNH, school programs and the conservation commission in identifying flora and fauna on town owned lands and lands of landowners with permission.
 - Objective 2** Protect rare and endangered Species
 - Objective 3** Protect travel corridors/road crossings from development
 - Objective 4** Promote recreational opportunities
 - Objective 5** Preserve valuable habitat through good forestry practices by requiring use of licensed foresters before hiring a registered logger
 - Objective 6** Establish incentives for landowners with stands of trees that are shown to be a viable asset to wildlife
- Goal B To preserve the quality of Belmont’s recreational opportunities through increased conservation initiatives**
- Objective 1** Preserve large unfragmented lands from over development
 - Objective 2** Utilize lands for recreational purposes (Gardening, Hunting, Fishing, Hiking Etc.)
- Goal C Map natural features of Belmont and ensure that they are not adversely affected by future development**
- Objective 1** Increase setbacks from water bodies to ensure wildlife breeding grounds, and water quality is kept in its natural state
 - Objective 2** Control growth in areas of significant wildlife, wetlands or known valuable habitat
 - Objective 3** Protect agricultural soils with conservation easement incentives
- Goal D Educate the public / landowners to “conservation”**
- Objective 1** Develop community outreach programs and resource materials (example Naomi Caldwell’s subcommittee report)
- Goal E Clearly define community intent and interpretation of the description “rural town character”...for clarification and assessment as a future, ongoing community vision and goal for Belmont**

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- Goal F Identify & consider ordinance or other mechanisms for preserving key scenic community Vistas, views and viewsheds**
- Objective 1** Determine priority sites and areas visible from public roads that convey and showcase Belmont's agricultural and rural heritages, beauty and character.
- Goal G Establish administrative goal to proactively research, monitor & apply for established, available funding opportunities (state, federal and foundation sources)**
- Objective 1** Identify Community Development Finance Authority projects offering preservation/community facility support opportunities while simultaneously benefiting business through state tax investment credits.
- Objective 2** Train staff in research, grant review, writing as necessary through state tax investment credits, or viable prospects for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), among others
- Goal H Establish and fund a dedicated Belmont Conservation Community Trust Fund**
- Objective 1** Promote and receive tax deductible donations, including land, in-kind services, cash or securities for the preservation of open space and/or establish a formalized arrangement with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests or Lakes Region Conservation Trust for that purpose.
- Goal I Identify Belmont historic buildings and sites**
- Objective 1** Inventory and determine eligibility for appropriate state and federal registers and/or programs as key community landmarks of special significance, with the Belmont Historical Society and other interested citizens
- Goal J Evaluate and prioritize all municipally-owned historic or landmark buildings and sites for conservation/preservation/multiple reuse as community facilities properties**
- Objective 1** Consider all applications including use/reuse for recreation, community facility and marketing potential
- Objective 2** Discuss defining the Village District specifically as an historic district or similarly preserved area, complemented with village green space and other aesthetic considerations.
- Objective 3** Promote Town Forest awareness and usage.