

Element Priorities and Vision

Land Use

- Preserve water recharge areas (13)
- Control retail development especially in industrial zones (12)
- Assure walkability from adjacent neighborhoods to downtown (10)
- Provide more open space for passive recreation (9)
- Assure that available water supply is sufficient for proposed development (9)
- Site plan approval needs more teeth (6)

Land Use Vision: Manage growth by planned development appropriate for Mansfield, through a revitalized/vibrant downtown, increased recreational opportunities/spaces, with a diverse housing, economic and cultural base.

Circulation / Transportation

- Resolve train station traffic congestion. (20)
- Conduct a downtown circulation study to assess one-way circulation patterns, potential for diagonal parking and striping on Old Colony Way, (12)
- Improve problem intersections on Route 106 (7)
- Make Main Street 2-way with parking on Old Colony Way (6)
- Improve pedestrian connections from the station to Downtown with a Green Promenade (6)
- Take advantage of existing public transportation by adding GATRA stops in Mansfield (5).

Circulation / Transportation Vision: Transportation in Mansfield will include all modes of transportation including pedestrian connections, bike paths, GATRA bus service, commuter rail with shuttle service to the station from remote commuter rail parking, airport, and interstate connections. Sustainable circulation options will include connections to bike paths and contiguous sidewalks. Traffic issues on Route 106 will be resolved with additional train station parking access and improved intersections. One-way streets will be eliminated and traffic will be calmed in downtown Mansfield with on-street parking, robust crosswalks and neckdowns. Truck traffic will be adequately managed to reduce impacts on Downtown and in neighborhoods, and to facilitate the movement of goods.

Natural and Cultural Resources

- Encourage more cultural events and destinations / MMAS (18)
- Support NRT protection of open space (9)
- Protection of aquifer and drinking water (8)
- Need more interconnected trails in existing open space with connections to schools (7)
- Support MMAS and arts center with parking lot near Mansfield Bank ((5)
- Consider an historic district (4)
- Readdress extension of bike path into North (3)

- Protect wildlife corridors from contiguous areas (3)
- Expand the Canoe River Greenbelt (2)

Natural and Cultural Resources Vision:

Mansfield will be a green community. This will be accomplished through acquisition of open space, regulation of development practices, and protection of current conservation land. Mansfield will protect water and air quality and will guard against pollution from all sources (i.e., noise, light, etc.) Mansfield will enhance and maintain the historical character and feel of a small New England Town with support of artistic and cultural endeavors.

Services and Facilities

- Upgrade/replace? DPW building (15)
- Improve water quality in West Mansfield (10)
- Provide adequate management of Route 106 construction project (10)
- Assure adequacy and enhance schools (9)
- Perform town management review, consider town council/mayor structure (7)
- Construct a free standing youth center (7)

Services and Facilities Vision: Develop strategies to improve auto, pedestrian, and bike traffic flow in town, to consolidate and improve public safety services and facilities, and to improve and continually monitor water quality.

Economic Development

- Beautification of Downtown (16)
- Revitalize downtown with anchors (grocery, post office) (15)
- Provide diverse shops and unique restaurants (10)
- Address train station congestion on Route 106 (9)
- Provide pedestrian connections between train station and downtown (7)
- Market downtown as a destination (5)
- Create strong partnership between downtown businesses and Town (4)
- Provide more parking downtown (4)
- Conduct a marketing study for downtown (2)
- Provide attractions downtown for pedestrians and visitors (2)

Economic Development Vision: Mansfield will contribute to the long-term prosperity of Massachusetts through transit-oriented development near the rail station and having one of the bet business parks in the region. Mansfield will patiently pursue quality development, giving preference to industrial and high wage office uses over retail in areas outside downtown.

Mansfield Main Street will be an attractive center of cultural, and commercial activities. Mansfield will actively work to make the downtown a more attractive, vibrant, and diverse center with essential services, and unique restaurants and retail.

Housing

- Provide housing for seniors, including affordable 55 and older communities (17)
- Provide stronger site plan review (more teeth) (13)
- Reduce development density in aquifer (10)

Housing Vision: Develop a comprehensive plan to build responsibly, keeping in mind the town's natural resources while providing a variety of housing both young and old.

Open Space / Recreation

- Provide support for arts space in addition to recreation (sports fields) (15)
- Construct a community / teen center (indoor activity spaces)
- Construct a community pool (Maple Park)
- Provide incentives to increase protection of open space (7)
- Develop a multi-purpose field complex (5)

Open Space Vision: Mansfield shall maintain and enhance open space and recreational opportunities through programming, education and municipal support of Mansfield's resources.

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