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SECTION 1—INTRODUCTION

Throughout the Master Plan, each chapter concludes with a discussion of implementation steps and their associated timeframe. This chapter consolidates these implementation steps and organizes them according to how they support Brookline’s vision, as it is described in the Vision chapter.

SECTION 2—VISION FOR COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Brookline residents are attracted to the Town’s traditional New England look and feel. Therefore, any decisions about Brookline’s future must be made in the context of maintaining and enhancing its quaint, rural community character.

Master Plan Chapter	Implementation Task	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Cultural & Historic Resources	Review and update zoning and regulations to provide protection of cultural and historic resources and provide flexibility in uses of historic structures.	Planning Board after public input and review by residents and Town	1-2 Years
Economic Development	Review the option of adopting a size cap ordinance to prohibit the construction of retail stores larger than a specified size.	Planning Board	1-3 Years
Land Use	Review and update design guidelines.	Planning Board	3-5 Years
Community Design	Use existing guidelines and regulations to develop “menu” of community design strategies for different types of development within the community and clearly indicate which are required and which are preferred	Planning Board	3-5 Years
Community Design	Hold Community Design Charrettes to gather public input on preferred strategies that could be used to develop requirements for the different types of development or focus areas within the community.	Planning Board, Town residents	3-5 Years
Natural Resources	Provide incentives for open space development and conservation subdivisions.	Planning Board	3-5 years
Land Use	Research and develop additional land use zones as necessary.	Planning Board	5-10 Years
Housing	Maintain community character within the Residential/Agricultural zone.	Planning Board	Ongoing

SECTION 3—VISION FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES

Brookline should remain bicycle and pedestrian friendly, providing residents with safe walking and biking routes to the town center, schools, and recreation facilities.

Master Plan Chapter	Implementation Task	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Energy	Develop a vision for Brookline's land use patterns and transportation options over the next 10 years.	Local Energy Committee, Planning Board	1-3 Years
Energy	Develop an education and outreach program on the benefits of using non-motorized and alternative forms of transportation.	Local Energy Committee	1-3 Years
Transportation	Upgrade crosswalks with crosswalk signs and bright pavement markings, and where possible, crossing signals and raised pavement.	Town Road Agent, NH Department of Transportation	1-3 Years
Economic Development	Support economic development initiatives that create a simple, walkable Town Center.	Planning Board, Economic Development Committee	3-5 Years
Energy	Provide incentives, such as a streamline review process, for developments with compact, walkable design, and mixed use in existing community centers.	Planning Board	5-10 Years
Energy	Establish a plan for a central parking area to promote walking once in the Town Center.	Board of Selectmen	5-10 Years
Energy	Expand and improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities, with a focus on the Town Center, higher density areas, and schools.	Local Energy Committee, Board of Selectmen	Ongoing
Transportation	Assess the feasibility of providing paved shoulders suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian use on all roads as part of the planning process when developing roadway improvements and maintenance strategies. Conduct where feasible.	Town Road Agent, NH Department of Transportation	Ongoing
Transportation	Encourage land use patterns that will facilitate a variety of transportation modes for residents of all ages, especially walking and biking.	Planning Board	Ongoing

SECTION 4—VISION FOR AFFORDABILITY

Brookline should be a community for a lifetime and therefore, long term affordability is essential.

Master Plan Chapter	Implementation Task	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Economic Development	Create an Economic Development Committee.	Board of Selectmen	1 year
Economic Development	Develop a Tax Base Diversification Plan to examine strategies for broadening Brookline's tax base.	Economic Development Committee	1-3 years
Economic Development	Expand business development to diversify Brookline's tax base and supplement residential property tax revenues.	Planning Board, Economic Development Committee	3-5 Years
Housing	Allow for the provision of a variety of housing, in terms of types and costs, in Brookline.	Planning Board through Land Use and Zoning Ordinances	Ongoing
Housing	Consider the housing needs for all ages.	Planning Board through Land Use and Zoning Ordinances	Ongoing

SECTION 5—VISION FOR ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Environmentally progressive policies with respect to energy, natural resources, building standards, and land use patterns are also critical to Brookline's long term sustainability.

Master Plan Chapter	Implementation Task	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Economic Development	Focus new business development into existing buildings.	Planning Board	1-3 years
Energy	Establish a Local Energy Committee.	Board of Selectmen	1-3 Years
Energy	Develop a vision for energy efficiency measures in Brookline's buildings over the next 10 years.	Local Energy Committee, Board of Selectmen	1-3 Years
Energy	Create an implementation plan for renewable energy generation based on Brookline's vision.	Local Energy Committee, Board of Selectmen	1-3 Years
Natural Resources	Create a conservation plan to prioritize and protect land surrounding Lake Potanipo, Melendy Pond, the Nissitissit River, and its tributaries.	Conservation Commission	1-3 Years

Master Plan Chapter	Implementation Task	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Natural Resources	Develop a comprehensive water quality and invasive species monitoring and education program.	Conservation Commission	1-3 Years
Natural Resources	Conduct an analysis of potential threats to steep slopes and scenic view points to determine if these lands are adequately protected.	Conservation Commission, Planning Board	1-3 Years
Natural Resources	Revisit regulations with regard to extraction to ensure they adequately protect natural resources and abutting properties.	Planning Board	1-3 Years
Energy	Adopt a performance zoning ordinance that encourages voluntary implementation of energy efficiency practices in exchange for incentives or bonuses.	Planning Board	3-5 Years
Energy	Evaluate plans for construction of new municipal buildings or additions/renovations to existing municipal buildings for energy efficiency measures.	Board of Selectmen	Ongoing
Natural Resources	Adopt additional ordinances as needed to protect water quality and quantity from threats associated with impervious surfaces, development, and large scale water extraction.	Planning Board, Board of Selectmen	Ongoing
Natural Resources	Budget for land acquisition of valuable conservation parcels and the development of recreational amenities.	Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Town of Brookline residents	Ongoing

SECTION 6—VISION FOR RETAIL AMENITIES

Brookline should encourage additional businesses to open in Town, such as a grocery store, cleaners, restaurant, carwash, laundry mat, hardware store, garden store, and toy shop. Providing these retail amenities will limit the number of trips Brookline residents must make out of Town and will help support the local economy.

Master Plan Chapter	Implementation Task	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Economic Development	Create an Economic Development Committee.	Board of Selectmen	1 Year
Land Use	Adopt a Town Center Master Plan.	Planning Board, Town Center Committee	3-5 Years
Economic Development	Expand business development to diversify Brookline's tax base and supplement residential property tax revenue.	Planning Board, Economic Development Committee	3-5 Years
Economic Development	Encourage additional small retail and small office-based businesses.	Planning Board, Economic Development Committee	3-5 Years
Economic Development	Establish infrastructure to areas of Town identified as desired locations to support commercial and industrial development.	Planning Board, Board of Selectmen	3-5 Years
Land Use	Continue to work with the Town Center Committee.	Board of Selectmen, Planning Board	Ongoing