

Chapter 11

IMPLEMENTATION

The preceding chapters discuss a range of topics while providing historical context, summarizing current conditions, identifying issues and opportunities, and establishing goals, policies, and actions. Making the plan's vision a reality requires that the actions be implemented.

With over 120 identified actions it is important to identify priorities, assign responsibility, identify where funding or investment is needed, and a timeframe for action. This chapter organizes this information to help facilitate implementation.

Priorities are characterized as moderate to high to top priority based on the Planning Commission's best judgment. **The seven top priorities are shown in red text (Actions 6.12.2; 6.13.1; 7.3.1; 10.1.1; 10.1.2; 10.1.3; and 10.2.1).** Fifty-four actions are high priorities. Sixty-two actions are moderate priorities.

One or more official, board, or other body is identified as the entity responsible for implementing each action. Many actions have multiple responsible entities, highlighting the need for coordination and cooperation.

Many actions can be implemented in the course of regular town business. Some actions, however, will require funding or investment. To the extent that they can be anticipated, actions requiring additional funding resources are identified in the Resources column. This will help in identifying where grant funding should be sought or where operating or capital funds should be budgeted.

Timelines vary from ongoing to specific timeframes. Where actions require funding, the timeline is dependent on obtaining the necessary resources. For example, the Planning Commission has obtained a municipal planning grant from the state to undertake an update of the town's *Land Use and Development Regulations*, so a specific timeline for the relevant actions is readily anticipated.

Although this plan presents a 10-20 year vision for the town, the plan itself has an eight-year statutory life. The plan should be reviewed periodically over the eight years to evaluate whether progress is being made and to re-evaluate conditions, goals, actions, and priorities. As actions are accomplished, other actions will move up in priority. Similarly, a change in conditions or new state requirements may require reprioritization. Major changes in conditions may require that the plan be amended; an amendment is anticipated when the Town Energy Plan is completed.

As a small town with relatively few employees, East Montpelier runs on the efforts and dedication of the many residents who serve on boards and committees, participate in local organizations that contribute to town life, and volunteer to help make community events a success. This civic spirit helps make East Montpelier a special place to live and work—now and in the future.

Goals and Actions	Priority	Responsibility*	Resources	Timeline
EAST MONTPELIER AND THE REGION				
➤ Goal 2.1: Participate in regional organizations and activities.				
✓ Action 2.1.1: Maintain active representation on, and participation in, boards and commissions of regional organizations.	Moderate	SB, appointed representatives		ongoing
➤ Goal 2.2: Cooperate with neighboring communities to ensure plan compatibility and to address mutual opportunities and challenges.				
✓ Action 2.2.1: Consult with planning officials of adjacent towns to identify and resolve potential conflicts and to address opportunities for cooperation.	High	PC		ongoing
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE				
➤ Goal 3.1: Ensure that town government effectively represents the interests of townspeople.				
✓ Action 3.1.1: Encourage residents to participate in town government and activities.	Moderate	SB		ongoing
✓ Action 3.1.2: Maintain regular communication among town officials, committees, and the public.	Moderate	TA, SB, TC		ongoing
➤ Goal 3.2: Ensure that town government responds to the increased complexity of the issues it faces.				
✓ Action 3.2.1: Evaluate the evolving requirements of local government and the most appropriate structure of staffing to meet these needs.	Moderate	SB, TA, ChC		ongoing
➤ Goal 3.3: Keep the Town Offices in East Montpelier Village.				
✓ Action 3.3.1: If a new Town Office building is needed, it should be located in East Montpelier Village.	High	SB		ongoing
➤ Goal 3.4: Maintain and improve core municipal facilities and services in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner.				
✓ Action 3.4.1: Utilize the capital plan and budget process to ensure that on-going and proposed capital projects are appropriately planned and financed.	Moderate	CIC, SB		ongoing
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✓ Action 3.4.2: Pursue relevant grant opportunities to assist with funding needed town projects.	Moderate	TA, SB, other committees		ongoing
COMMUNITY RESOURCES				
➤ Goal 4.1: Promote a sense of community through educational and social opportunities and gathering places.				
✓ Action 4.1.1: Provide information on town activities and how residents can participate.	Moderate	TA, TC, SB, other committees		ongoing
✓ Action 4.1.2: Support use of the <i>East Montpelier Signpost</i> and Front Porch Forum to inform residents about community events, issues, resources and townspeople.	Moderate	TA, TC, SB, other committees		ongoing
✓ Action 4.1.3: Organize periodic community-wide events to provide information and encourage discussion on topics relevant to the town or to showcase community resources.	Moderate	PC, SB, other committees		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.2: Maintain and improve the overall health and wellbeing of East Montpelier residents.				
See actions for: <u>Community Resources</u> (4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.5.1, 4.6.2, 4.7.1, 4.10.1); <u>Public Services</u> (5.1.1, 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 5.4.1, 5.4.2); <u>Infrastructure</u> (6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.3.1, 6.12.1, 6.12.2, 6.14.1); <u>Economic Development</u> (7.4.1,); <u>Housing</u> (8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3); <u>Natural and Scenic Resources</u> (9.11.2).				
➤ Goal 4.3: Provide year-round programs of varied recreational activities to meet the interests and needs of residents of all ages and skills.				
✓ Action 4.3.1: Create a plan for meeting the demand for recreational activities for all ages.	Moderate	RB		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.4: Protect recreational spaces and develop new recreational areas in various parts of town.				
✓ Action 4.4.1: Maintain and improve existing recreational facilities near the Elementary School.	Moderate	RB, SB		ongoing
✓ Action 4.4.2: Develop a trail along the Winooski River in East Montpelier Village.	Moderate	RB, SB, VC	Funding for access, design, construction	ongoing
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✓ Action 4.4.3: Develop a plan for the Old	Moderate	OLFPC, SB		2018-2020

LaPerle Farm property that includes recreational uses.				
✓ Action 4.4.4: Support permanent public recreational access to the Coburn Pond property.	High	SB, FOCP		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.5: Maintain a proactive and supportive relationship between the town, trail-user groups, and landowners.				
✓ Action 4.5.1: Support efforts to locate off-road segments of the Cross Vermont Trail in East Montpelier.	Moderate	SB, EM Trails, Cross VT Trail		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.6: Maintain and expand the existing trail system to create connected loops and links to villages and population centers.				
✓ Action 4.6.1: Maintain existing trails and support completion of planned trail segments.	Moderate	EM Trails, SB		ongoing
✓ Action 4.6.2: Consider new trail links to connect villages and East Montpelier Elementary School with the trail system.	Moderate	EM Trails, SB		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.7: Provide sufficient access and parking for trail resources in town.				
✓ Action 4.7.1: Provide sufficient safe parking off the traveled roadway and educate trail users on safe parking practices.	Moderate	EM Trails, SB		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.8: Preserve the town’s historic structures and cemeteries for future generations to enjoy.				
✓ Action 4.8.1: Ensure <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> and other actions by the town protect historic structures and settlement patterns.	High	PC, SB		2018 and ongoing
✓ Action 4.8.2: Consider conducting an inventory of historic barns, outbuildings and other agricultural structures in East Montpelier.	Moderate	PC, SB	Possible funding for assistance	2020
✓ Action 4.8.3: Assist property owners who wish to apply for listing on the national or state Register of Historic Places.	Moderate	TA		ongoing
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✓ Action 4.8.4: Encourage property	Moderate	TA, CVEDC		ongoing

owners within the designated Village Center to take advantage of available tax credits for improvements to historic buildings.				
✓ Action 4.8.5: Continue to maintain all public cemeteries, along with reasonable maintenance of old family burial grounds.	Moderate	CC		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.9: Maintain the town’s historic landscape patterns to serve as a model for future development.				
See action for <u>Land Use</u> (10.1.4).				
➤ Goal 4.10: Enable residents of all ages to learn about and appreciate the town’s history.				
✓ Action 4.10.1: Provide programs and information about the town’s history and historic resources to a range of audiences, including youth and adults.	Moderate	EMHS, Schools		ongoing
➤ Goal 4.11: Preserve historical documents and artifacts.				
✓ Action 4.11.1: Provide appropriate storage space for the preservation of town records and historical collections.	Moderate	TC, EMHS		ongoing
PUBLIC SERVICES				
➤ Goal 5.1: Provide for supportive and stimulating schools that promote learning.				
✓ Action 5.1.1: Motivate each student to enjoy learning and experience academic and social success, while instilling respect for the rights of others.	High	Schools		ongoing
✓ Action 5.1.2: Plan for facility maintenance and future improvements through the school district’s capital budgeting process.	High	Schools		ongoing
➤ Goal 5.2: Encourage community participation in the schools.				
✓ Action 5.2.1: Promote the use of school facilities for adult education and community use.	Moderate	Schools		ongoing
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➤ Goal 5.3: Support services and facilities to address the needs for seniors and families with young children.				

✓ Action 5.3.1: Support the location of a senior center in East Montpelier Village.	Moderate	SB		ongoing	
See actions for <u>Housing</u> (8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.3).					
➤ Goal 5.4: Promote formal and informal social support services.					
✓ Action 5.4.1: Post current information about existing social services.	Moderate	TSO, TA		ongoing	
✓ Action 5.4.2: Maintain a list of contacts to neighborhood groups.	Moderate	TSO, TA		ongoing	
➤ Goal 5.5: Maintain adequate fire and emergency response capabilities.					
✓ Action 5.5.1: Work with EMFD to assure the reliable and cost-effective delivery of fire and EMS services.	High	SB		ongoing	
✓ Action 5.5.2: Expand water supplies for fire fighting, especially in East Montpelier Village.	High	SB, EMFD		ongoing	
➤ Goal 5.6: Maintain an effective Local Emergency Operations Plan.					
✓ Action 5.6.1: Ensure that the Local Emergency Operations Plan and other emergency planning documents remain current.	High	TA, SB		ongoing	
✓ Action 5.6.2: Ensure that key emergency officials receive appropriate emergency and incident command training.	High	TA, SB		ongoing	
➤ Goal 5.7: Promote emergency awareness and fire prevention.					
✓ Action 5.7.1: Promote and provide fire prevention information and education throughout the community.	Moderate	EMFD		ongoing	
➤ Goal 5.8: Minimize potential damage from natural disasters and strengthen the community's ability to anticipate, respond to, and recover from natural disasters.					
❖ Policy 5.8: <i>East Montpelier's Hazard Mitigation Plan (2013 or subsequently adopted plan) is incorporated into this town plan by reference.</i>					
✓ Action 5.8.1: Implement the projects identified in the <i>Hazard Mitigation Plan</i> .	High	SB, RF		ongoing	
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✓ Action 5.8.2: Implement the plans and projects for the Municipal General Roads permit.	High	SB, RF		ongoing	

✓ Action 5.8.3: Include funding for hazard mitigation projects in the town budget and Capital Improvement Plan.	High	CIC, SB		ongoing
✓ Action 5.8.4: Establish a standing Town Emergency Management Committee to maintain and coordinate implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.	High	SB		2018 and ongoing
✓ Action 5.8.5: Ensure that residents and business owners are aware of natural hazards and ways to protect themselves and insure their property.	Moderate	SB		ongoing
See action for <u>Natural and Scenic Resources</u> (9.3.1).				
INFRASTRUCTURE				
➤ Goal 6.1: Manage road network cost effectively while promoting the goals of the Town Plan.				
❖ Policy 6.1.1: <i>Accept new town roads only in accordance with the new town roads policy. New roads in East Montpelier Village that meet all the criteria of the new town roads policy should be considered eligible for acceptance.</i>				
➤ Goal 6.2: Ensure that the road network provides safe and adequate transportation for all road users balanced with retaining the scenic and natural character of roadways.				
✓ Action 6.2.1: Ensure that all state transportation projects meet the goals of this plan including accommodating pedestrian and bicycle use and protecting the character of the roadside.	High	SB, TA, VC, VTrans		ongong
✓ Action 6.2.2: Provide safe, attractive and convenient pedestrian and bicycle facilities in East Montpelier Village. Priorities are sidewalks and bicycle lanes connecting the Upper Village to the Lower Village and the Lower Village to East Montpelier Elementary School.	High	SB, CIC, VC	Funding for study, design and construction	2018 and ongoing
✓ Action 6.2.3: Provide marked bicycle lanes with all new paving projects.	Moderate	SB		
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✓ Action 6.2.4: Improve safety and reduce traffic speeds at the Towne Hill and Gallison Hill Roads intersection.	High	SB, CVRPC	Funding for design and construction	2018-2020
✓ Action 6.2.5: Protect roadside trees and	Moderate	RF, TW		ongoing

plant additional trees where appropriate.				
✓ Action 6.2.6: Notify the public and allow public comment prior to significantly changing the character of any road through widening, cutting of live trees within the public right-of-way, or paving.	Moderate	SB, RF, TW		ongoing
➤ Goal 6.3: Reduce traffic speeds and improve safety in villages and areas with pedestrians and bicyclists.				
✓ Action 6.3.1: Implement traffic calming measures in villages and areas with pedestrians and bicyclists.	Moderate	PC, SB, CVRPC, VTrans	Possible funding for study, design and construction	2018 and ongoing
➤ Goal 6.4: Encourage shared road access to minimize highway congestion and strip development.				
❖ Policy 6.4.1: <i>Minimize new curb cuts whenever possible.</i>				
✓ Action 6.4.2: Update <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> to encourage shared road access.	Moderate	PC, SB		2018 -2020
➤ Goal 6.5: Support use of public transit and ridesharing.				
✓ Action 6.5.1: Support expanded public transportation availability and frequency.	High	SB, GMT		ongoing
✓ Action 6.5.2: Expand opportunities for carpooling and park and ride facilities.	High	PC, SB	Funding for study, design, construction	2019 and ongoing
➤ Goal 6.6: Encourage use of renewable fuels for transportation.				
✓ Action 6.6.1: Encourage installation of electric vehicle charging stations at businesses and public parking areas.	High	SB		ongoing
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➤ Goal 6.7: Maintain roads to minimize the spread of invasive species and reduce stormwater runoff into streams.				
✓ Action 6.7.1: Promote individual and neighborhood actions to remove roadside invasive plants through	Moderate	SB		ongoing

information and education.				
✓ Action 6.7.2: Maintain roads in a manner that reduces stormwater runoff and retains roadside vegetation.	High	SB, RF		ongoing
➤ Goal 6.8: Minimize and manage solid waste in collaboration with the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD).				
✓ Action 6.8.1: Enforce local ordinances regulating burning, dumping, storage, and other disposal of solid waste in order to protect the health and safety of the community.	Moderate	SB, ZA		ongoing
✓ Action 6.8.2: Support Green Up Day and Adopt-a-Site community efforts and provide educational waste minimization programs.	Moderate	SB		ongoing
➤ Goal 6.9: Minimize waste generation in town government and the schools.				
✓ Action 6.9.1: Ensure that purchases and operations consider solid waste minimization throughout the lifecycle of projects and acquisitions.	Moderate	SB, schools		ongoing
➤ Goal 6.10: Develop wastewater solutions for East Montpelier Village and North Montpelier to support residences and businesses, protect water quality, and allow future growth.				
✓ Action 6.10.1: Develop a wastewater system suited to the development of the Old LaPerle Farm property in East Montpelier Village.	High	OLPFC, CIC, SB	Design, construction and operations funding	2018-2020
✓ Action 6.10.2: Support the development of distributed wastewater treatment systems in East Montpelier Village and North Montpelier suitable for supporting new residential and community-scaled business growth.	High	PC, DRB, CIC, SB	Design, construction and operations funding	ongoing
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➤ Goal 6.11: Encourage proper operation and maintenance of individual on-site wastewater treatment systems.				
✓ Action 6.11.1: Provide information on proper operation and maintenance of on-site wastewater treatment systems.	Moderate	SB, TA		ongoing
➤ Goal 6.12: Ensure the availability of a sufficient and sustainable supply of clean water for residential,				

commercial and industrial uses.				
✓ Action 6.12.1: Evaluate where future public water supplies may be possible and appropriate to support development in villages and growth areas.	High	SB	Possible funding for assistance	2018 and ongoing
✓ Action 6.12.2: Ensure that the water supply system for East Montpelier Village acquires sufficient capacity to serve current and future customers and meets firefighting needs.	Top	SB, CIC	Capital and operations funding	ongoing
➤ Goal 6.13: Adopt the East Montpelier Energy Plan.				
✓ Action 6.13.1: Complete the East Montpelier Energy Plan and incorporate it into the 2018 Town Plan by amendment.	Top	EC, PC, SB	CVRPC technical assistance	2018
➤ Goal 6.14: Promote energy conservation and efficiency.				
✓ Action 6.14.1: Publicize home weatherization and other energy conservation and efficiency programs to East Montpelier residents.	High	EC, ZA		ongoing
➤ Goal 6.15: Reduce use of fossil fuels in transportation.				
✓ Action 6.15.1: Develop a plan for reducing the use of fossil fuels in town vehicles.	Moderate	SB, RF		ongoing
✓ Action 6.15.2: Encourage schools to reduce single-student transportation.	Moderate	EC, Schools		ongoing
See actions for <u>Infrastructure</u> (6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.5.1, 6.5.2, 6.6.1).				
➤ Goal 6.16: Focus growth in villages and growth areas.				
See actions for <u>Land Use</u> (10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4).				
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➤ Goal 6.17: Create guidelines for siting and design of new renewable energy development.				
✓ Action 6.17.1: Provide specific siting and design standards in the East Montpelier Energy Plan.	High	EC, PC		2018
➤ Goal 6.18: Enable all areas of East Montpelier to have adequate cell service coverage to meet the needs of residents, businesses and emergency service providers, while protecting the town’s scenic and natural				

resources.				
❖ Policy 6.18.1: East Montpelier supports cell service infrastructure that enables adequate cell service coverage in all areas of town and that is sited and designed to protect the town’s scenic and natural resources.				
✓ Action 6.18.1: File for intervener status and/or submit public comments on Section 248a applications before the Public Utility Commission that do not meet the siting and design criteria described in the Town Plan and Land Use and Development Regulations.		PC, SB		Ongoing
✓ Action 6.18.2: Consider whether conducting an inventory of suitable cellular facility locations would be beneficial for both the town and cellular carriers and whether grant funding for such a study is available.				
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
➤ Goal 7.1: Concentrate commercial growth in East Montpelier Village with an emphasis on village-scale businesses that support the community and are compatible with residential uses.				
✓ Action 7.1.1: Encourage business retention and expansion and the location of new village-scaled businesses in village mixed-use areas.	Moderate	TA, SB, current businesses, CVEDC		ongoing
✓ Action 7.1.2: Maintain Village Center designation for the historic village core and promote the associated benefits.	Moderate	TA, PC, SB, VC		2018 and oning
✓ Action 7.1.3: Evaluate the level of interest in and benefits of forming a non-profit entity to acquire and redevelop properties in the village as a way to preserve historic properties and spur economic development.	Moderate	PC, SB, VC	Funding for assistance	2019 and oning
See actions for <u>Infrastructure</u> (6.12.1, 6.12.2); <u>Land Use</u> (10.2.1).				
➤ Goal 7.2: Encourage small, community-focused commercial enterprises in North Montpelier.				
✓ Action 7.2.1: Pursue funding and business assistance programs that support economic development in North Montpelier to include business recruitment, infrastructure improvements, and aesthetic enhancement.	High	SB, TA, CVEDC	Funding for assistance	2018 and ongoing
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➤ Goal 7.3: Ensure zoning bylaws allow commercial and industrial business uses in appropriate locations.				
✓ Action 7.3.1: Review and update the <i>East Montpelier Land Use and Development Regulations</i> to ensure that commercial and industrial areas are appropriate and adequate to encourage appropriate business growth.	Top	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
See action in <u>Land Use</u> (10.3.1).				
➤ Goal 7.4: Promote and support the viability of sustainable agricultural enterprises.				
✓ Action 7.4.1: Encourage local agricultural enterprises through non-regulatory techniques such as hosting farmer’s markets or fairs and providing information about local agricultural products.	Moderate	SB		ongoing
✓ Action 7.4.2: Ensure zoning bylaws support agricultural enterprises.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
➤ Goal 7.5: Support home businesses while ensuring that rural residential character is preserved.				
✓ Action 7.5.1: Promote the continued upgrade and expansion of high speed telecommunications throughout the town.	Moderate	SB		ongoing
HOUSING				
➤ Goal 8.1: Provide a range of housing opportunities including single-family, multi-family, mixed use, and affordable and senior housing.				
✓ Action 8.1.1: Partner with other organizations to create affordable and senior housing near transportation and services.	High	SB, OLFPC, EMSLI, Habitat, Downstreet, VHCB	Possible grant funding	ongoing
✓ Action 8.1.2: Evaluate expanding the Conservation Fund to include affordable housing.	High	SB, CFAC		2018-2020
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✓ Action 8.1.3: Promote and support home share programs as a way to support senior and affordable housing.	Moderate	SB, TA		ongoing
✓ Action 8.1.4: Consider conducting a housing needs assessment and developing a housing action plan for the town.	Moderate	PC, SB	Possible grant funding	2020-2022
➤ Goal 8.2: Concentrate new residential development in East Montpelier Village or an identified growth area.				
See action in <u>Land Use</u> (10.2.1, 10,2,3, 10,2,4).				
NATURAL AND SCENIC RESOURCES				
➤ Goal 9.1: Promote local actions to maintain air quality.				
See actions for <u>Infrastructure</u> (6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.2.5, 6.3.1, 6.5.1, 6.5.2, 6.6.1, 6.14.1, 6.15.1, 6.15.2); <u>Economic Development</u> (7.1.1, 7.2.1), <u>Natural and Scenic Resources</u> (9.7.1, 9.7.2), and <u>Land Use</u> (10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10,2,4, 10.3.1).				
➤ Goal 9.2: Protect wetlands and waterways as valued wildlife habitat and recreational and scenic focal points of the community.				
✓ Action 9.2.1: Consider use of the Conservation Fund for the purchase of important public access to wetlands and waterways.	High	LCAC, SB		2018 and ongoing
➤ Goal 9.3: Ensure <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> promote water quality protection.				
✓ Action 9.3.1: Review and update <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> to include adoption of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2022
➤ Goal 9.4: Support project development and implementation of projects that will improve water quality.				
✓ Action 9.4.1: Manage highway operations and implement projects to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit.	High	SB, RF		2018 and ongoing
✓ Action 9.4.2: Implement roadside vegetation practices that reduce runoff and sedimentation.	High	SB, RF		2018 and ongoing
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✓ Action 9.4.3: Pursue funding for project development and implementation of priority projects in the Kingsbury Branch Watershed Stormwater Master Plan.	High	SB, TA, RF, CVRPC	Funding for implementation	2018 and ongoing
➤ Goal 9.5: Safeguard the quality and quantity of the town’s groundwater.				
❖ Policy 9.5: Groundwater withdrawals for commercial water bottling are the lowest priority groundwater extractive use.				
✓ Action 9.5.1: Ensure that groundwater withdrawals do not harm the citizens, existing uses, water systems, or ecosystems of East Montpelier.	High	DRB, SB		ongoing
➤ Goal 9.6: Any new or expanded earth resources extraction operations will be developed to minimize impacts on the environment and community.				
❖ Policy 9.6: <i>Earth resource extraction facilities shall not be located within villages or defined growth areas.</i>				
✓ Action 9.6.1: Review and update the <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> to ensure that development conditions address scale, screening, truck traffic, and protection of forest and riparian habitats and scenic resources.	Moderate	PC, SB		2020-2022
➤ Goal 9.7: Protect forest integrity.				
✓ Action 9.7.1: Review and update <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> to promote protection of priority forest blocks and riparian wildlife connectivity.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
✓ Action 9.7.2: Evaluate and implement non-regulatory approaches to promote forest integrity.	High	PC, SB		2020-2021
➤ Goal 9.8: Ensure that existing forest areas are managed for long-term sustainability.				
✓ Action 9.8.1: Work with landowners and conservation partners to conserve the town’s most valued forestland.	Moderate	PC, TA, SB		ongoing
✓ Action 9.8.2: Provide workshops on stewardship and management of forest lands.	Moderate	SB, TW, VT Woodlands Assoc.		2018—2020
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✓ Action 9.8.3 : Provide education on invasive species and promote annual efforts to eradicate invasive plants.	Moderate	SB		Ongoing
✓ Action 9.8.4 : Encourage use of local resources in municipal construction and development.	Moderate	SB		Ongoing
➤ Goal 9.9 : Manage town-owned forests for habitat, recreational, and economic values.				
✓ Action 9.9.1 : Update and implement the Town Forest Management Plan to address thinning, harvesting, access rights, recreation and wildlife habitat.	Moderate	TFC, SB		2018 and ongoing
✓ Action 9.9.2 : Install new signage at the Haggett Road entrance to the Town Forest.	Moderate	TFC, SB		2018 -2020
✓ Action 9.9.3 : Evaluate the health and integrity of woody vegetation in road rights-of-way and identify areas in need of improved management.	Moderate	TW, RF		2018-2020
➤ Goal 9.10 : Support a diverse agricultural community.				
✓ Action 9.10.1 : Consider provisions in the <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> that accommodate agricultural enterprises such as tourism and events, farm stands, sales of value-added products, and recreation.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
✓ Action 9.10.2 : Ensure that subdivision, access, and rights-of-way preserve the viability of productive farmland.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
✓ Action 9.10.3 : Showcase local agricultural products at town events.	Moderate	SB, other committees		Ongoing
➤ Goal 9.11 : Encourage farming practices that protect wildlife habitat, water quality, and soil productivity.				
✓ Action 9.11.1 : Ensure land conservation includes appropriate stream and roadside buffers to minimize agricultural run-off.	Moderate	CFAC, SB, VLT		Ongoing

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✓ Action 9.11.2: Encourage productive field-mowing schedules that protect grassland birds.	Moderate	SB		Ongoing
➤ Goal 9.12: Support the conservation of prime and actively-used farmland outside of village and growth areas.				
✓ Action 9.12.1: Coordinate conservation efforts with landowners and conservation organizations to ensure that town goals are met.	High	CFAC, PC, SB, VLT, VHCB		Ongoing
✓ Action 9.12.2: Use the Conservation Fund to support farmland conservation that meets town goals.	High	CFAC, PC, SB		Ongoing
➤ Goal 9.13: Protect East Montpelier’s significant views.				
❖ Policy 9.13: Development within identified significant viewsheds shall not unduly detract from the identified scenic values, with particular attention given to development in the foreground (within ½ mile) of the viewpoint. All reasonable siting and design techniques shall be used to minimize impacts on views, including but not limited to: siting development at the edge of views; using natural vegetation and/or topography to screen prominent or discordant elements of development, such as parking, storage and private utility structures; limiting the size and scale of structures; and using Planned Unit Development to maintain compact patterns that do not encroach on viewsheds.				
✓ Action 9.13.1: Land conservation efforts should include protecting identified scenic viewsheds especially foreground areas.	High	CFAC, PC, SB, VHCB, VLT		Ongoing
✓ Action 9.13.2: Provide guidance in the <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> for protecting characteristic scenic resources throughout the town with particular attention to identified scenic views.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
✓ Action 9.13.3: Review and identify, as needed, updates to the Significant Scenic Views. In addition, consider views from permanently protected publicly accessible town trails for designation as Significant Scenic Views.		PC		
➤ Goal 9.14: Retain the scenic rural character of town roadways.				
✓ Action 9.14.1: Develop and implement road maintenance policies that minimize road widths and retain roadside vegetation particularly along identified	Moderate	TW, RF, SB		Ongoing

scenic roadways.				
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<p>✓ Action 9.14.2: Ensure that <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i> encourage compact development that protects scenic and natural resources.</p>	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
LAND USE				
<p>➤ Goal 10.1: Ensure that land use patterns retain the values expressed by citizens including rural development patterns, protection of agricultural land and open space, and the enhancement of East Montpelier’s villages.</p>				
<p>✓ Action 10.1.1: Review and update East Montpelier’s zoning districts to ensure that the boundaries, purposes, and standards are appropriate to meet the goals of the Town Plan.</p>	Top	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
<p>✓ Action 10.1.2: Review and update site plan review, parking and design standards in the <i>East Montpelier Land Use and Development Regulations</i>.</p>	Top	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2019
<p>✓ Action 10.1.3: Update the <i>East Montpelier Land Use and Development Regulations</i> to make it easier to permit Planned Unit Developments.</p>	Top	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2019
<p>✓ Action 10.1.4: Develop zoning regulations that encourage new developments to reflect historic landscape patterns such as compact development, a close and positive relationship to the street, and orientation of buildings and structures parallel or perpendicular to the road and other structures.</p>	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
<p>✓ Action 10.1.5: Include resource protection policies in the <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i>.</p>	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
<p>✓ Action 10.1.6: Protect riparian forests through conservation easements and <i>Land Use and Development Regulations</i>.</p>	High	PC, SB, DRB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020 and ongoing

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➤ Goal 10.2: Focus new development in villages and growth areas.				
❖ Policy 10.2: <i>The East Montpelier Village Master Plan (2017) is incorporated into this Town Plan by reference.</i>				
✓ Action 10.2.1: Adopt village zoning to implement the <i>East Montpelier Village Master Plan</i> .	Top	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2019
✓ Action 10.2.2: Research and if applicable pursue Village Center designation for North Montpelier.	High	PC, SB		2019-2020
✓ Action 10.2.3: Evaluate the potential for a village zoning district in North Montpelier.	High	PC, SB	Funding for planning assistance	2020-2022
✓ Action 10.2.4: Evaluate the potential for growth in the Gallison Hill area.	High	PC, SB	Funding for planning assistance	2020-2022
✓ Action 10.2.5: Ensure that village properties under town control are developed in a manner consistent with the goals of the <i>East Montpelier Village Master Plan</i> .	High	OLFPC, SB, VC, DRB		2018 and ongoing
➤ Goal 10.3: Discourage commercial strip development.				
✓ Action 10.3.1: Update zoning bylaws to prevent strip development.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
➤ Goal 10.4: Encourage development of the Industrial District.				
✓ Action 10.4.1: Update zoning bylaws to ensure that the boundaries, purposes, and standards are appropriate to achieve the goals of the Town Plan.	High	PC, SB	Municipal Planning Grant	2018-2020
➤ Goal 10.5: Focus conservation efforts in areas outside of East Montpelier Village that have the highest resource values.				
✓ Action 10.5.1: Prioritize areas that would benefit from conservation including agricultural lands, priority forest blocks, riparian connectors,	Moderate	CFAC, PC, SB		ongoing

wetlands, and scenic resources.				
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<p>✓ Action 10.5.2: Consider how conservation projects contribute to accomplishing other town goals—such as recreation, housing or renewable energy generation—when evaluating support from the town’s Conservation Fund.</p>	Moderate	CFAC, PC, SB		ongoing
<p>➤ Goal 10.6: Promote energy-efficient land use patterns that facilitate walking, bicycling, and use of public transportation.</p>				
<p>See actions for <u>Transportation</u> (6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3); <u>Housing</u> (8.1.1)</p>				