

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Short- 1-3 years
 Medium-4-7 years
 Long-7-10 years

POLICY	STRATEGY	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY
<p><i>Rare and Exemplary Natural Features</i> Increase the effort to protect rare, threatened or endangered species</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore interest in creating a Town Conservation Commission, whose responsibility it could be to assure the protection of these rare, threatened or endangered species 2. Encourage the Pemaquid Watershed Association to hold workshops in cooperation with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, to teach the public and lake property owners how to identify these plants, their value and how to protect them 3. Work with the Planning Board to check local ordinances and incorporate measures to assure the protection of these species, using the State Site Law as a model 4. Assure that pictures and location maps, if any, are available to the Planning Board for use when reviewing subdivisions or developments under Shoreland Zoning or the Site Review Ordinance. 	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Town Administrator and Conservation Commission</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Conservation Commission</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Wetlands, Tidal and Freshwater, Wildlife Habitat and The Salt Bay</i></p> <p>Encourage efforts to protect environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, streams, and the Salt Bay</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request I F& W to identify and rate the many "indeterminate" natural areas. 2. Examine the value and importance to the community of each significant wetland, marshy bog area. 3. Explore existing shoreland ordinances to assure that they are adequate to protect the wetlands and streams identified as valuable. 4. The Conservation Commission should investigate and work with other organizations to eradicate invasive species such as <i>Loosestrife</i> 	<p>Conservation Commission</p> <p>Conservation Commission</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Conservation Commission</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p>

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<p><i>Little Pond</i></p> <p>The Town recognizes its responsibility to protect the water supply for 1,500 people in the towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle. The Town should work with the Great Salt Bay Water District to develop a management plan for the Little Pond watershed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the Great Salt Bay Water District to develop an appropriate management plan for the Little Pond watershed. 2. Amend the land use ordinance to include performance standards necessary to protect the water supply. 	<p>Great Salt Bay Water District</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Pemaquid and Biscay Ponds</i></p> <p>The Town of Damariscotta recognizes that Pemaquid and Biscay Ponds are important recreational resources and that the accelerating deterioration of water quality appears to be human caused.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize a conference with the Pemaquid Lake Watershed Association, Waldoboro, Nobilboro, Bremen and Bristol, DEP and members of other lake associations where lake restoration efforts have been successful to discuss the data and management tools available to prevent further water quality degradation. 2. Revise the Land Use Ordinance as necessary to protect the lake. 	<p>Conservation Commission</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p>
<p>MARINE RESOURCES</p> <p>Natural Shellfish Industry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage clean up of all overboard discharges. 2. Work towards establishing an alliance (or expand the authority of the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District) with Nobleboro, Newcastle and Damariscotta to oversee Salt Bay and maintain tight controls on the cleanliness of the river. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with DEP and the Department of Human Services to solicit proposals for a review of the septic situation in Huston Cove, then seek a grant from DEP or CDBG, or even an economic development program to finally be able to open the Huston Cove area. 2. Incorporate provisions into local shoreland and harbor ordinances to protect highly productive clamming coves. 3. Work with landowners to protect buffer areas along small streams that flow onto productive shellfish flats. 	<p>Shell Fish Conservation Commission</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Conservation Commission</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>

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<p>Collaborate with the towns of Nobleboro and Newcastle, local conservation and scientific organizations, state agencies, and other interested parties in developing information and measures to best ensure that eventual harvesting of shellfish from Salt Bay has a minimum possible negative effect on the bay's other natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage scientists at the Darling Marine Center and the Maine Department of Marine Resources to inventory and map in detail the marine flora and fauna in Salt Bay. 2. Support cooperative efforts by the towns, the Damariscotta River Association and other local conservation organizations, PADRE, scientists, harvesters, aquaculturists, and others to develop a natural resource conservation strategy for Salt Bay that considers appropriate uses in the intertidal and subtidal zone, specifically including the harvesting of clams, and the implementation of appropriate procedures and regulations to realize this strategy. 	<p>Shell Fish Conservation Commission</p> <p>Conservation Commission</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p>
<p><i>Natural Vs Aquaculture</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Town should actively participate in the aquaculture licensing procedure and represent the interests of all shellfish harvesters. 2. Advocate for research on the impact of aquaculture on shellfish industry. 3. Assure enforcement of the terms of the aquaculture license. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with PADRE to complete clam surveys on Huston Cove and other areas if they seem promising. 2. The Town will keep informed on any license applications for aquaculture, negotiate ahead of time and participate in the public hearing process 3. Look into the possibility of delegation of authority to the Town Shellfish enforcement officer for assuring compliance with the terms of the license. 	<p><i>Shell Fish Conservation Commission</i></p>	<p><i>Short</i></p> <p><i>Medium</i></p> <p>Town Administrator, Legislators, Shell Fish Conservation Commission</p>

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<p><i>Worming vs. Clamming</i></p> <p>1. Encourage for research on impact of worming on clam culture.</p> <p>Encourage a cooperative relationship between local wormers and shellfish harvesters.</p>	<p>1. Request research be done at Darling Marine Center or DMR on the impact of worming on clam growth.</p> <p>2. If research justifies it, incorporate restriction on worming into Clam Conservation Ordinance</p>	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Shell Fish Conservation Commission</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p>
<p><i>Ports and Harbors</i></p> <p>The Town should increase opportunities for boat access and parking for commercial harvesters.</p>	<p>1. Explore Opportunities for parking for fishermen with Newcastle</p> <p>2. Enforce the use of boat trailer parking spots in Municipal parking Lot</p>	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Police Chief</p>	<p>Long Term</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Historical and Archeological Resources</i></p> <p>1. Town should provide a means for protecting and preserving the integrity of those buildings or areas already listed on the National Register of Historic Places and other buildings, areas, streetscapes, landscapes deemed to be of historical importance</p> <p>2. Expand the District to include properties already deemed eligible</p> <p>3. The Town should support the identification and inventory buildings, areas, archaeological or historical areas that might qualify for designation and protection</p>	<p>1. Establish a Historic Preservation Commission and assign it the responsibility of overseeing the inventory of historical or archaeological resources</p> <p>2. Review existing ordinances, to assure consistency with policy</p> <p>3. The Historic Commission will develop a Historic Preservation Ordinance</p>	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Historic Commission</p> <p>Historic Commission</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p>
<p><i>Affordable Housing</i></p> <p>1. Encourage the extension of sewer and or water lines to those areas, which are not constrained for development by natural features such as wetlands. Consider revising the Land Use Ordinance assure that mixed uses continue to be permitted in the commercial</p>	<p>1. Encourage the Great salt Bay Sanitary District to extend services to designated growth areas.</p> <p>2. Review the lot size requirements for multi-family units. Clarify the objective behind the large lot sizes and consider reducing them in sewered areas as well as in non-sewered residential district to accommodate more multi-family units.</p>	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p>

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<p>and downtown districts.</p> <p>2. Review the Land Use Ordinance to assure opportunities for low income or multi-family units are not unduly discouraged.</p>	<p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Medium</p>	
<p><i>Transportation-Road Maintenance</i></p> <p>1. The Town should prioritize its road maintenance program by preparing a Local Roads Surface Management and Repair Plan.</p> <p>2. The Town should encourage coordinating replacement and repair schedules between CMP, Great Salt Bay Sanitary District, the Town, and the State.</p>	<p>1. In order to become eligible for 67% share of road capital improvements funds for state aid minor collector roads, the Road Commissioner shall present a draft of a Prioritized Plan to the Selectmen annually, in preparation for the annual budget.</p> <p>2. The Road Commissioner shall review the State's Six year and Two-year Transportation Improvement Plan and respond in a timely manner to any communication from the MDOT regarding its implementation.</p> <p>3. Town Administrator shall coordinate a meeting between the Planning Board, Public Works Department, Selectmen, and the Trustees annually to discuss permits, capacity at the treatment plant and expansion plans for the next year.</p> <p>4. The Selectmen shall direct the Planning Board to review the adequacy of current standards in subdivision ordinance</p> <p>5. Develop a Road Opening Permit Ordinance and a fee structure.</p>	<p>Selectmen Road Commissioner</p> <p>Road Commissioner With Town Administrator</p> <p>Town Administrator</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Town Administrator and Road Commissioner</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short term-continuously</p> <p>Annually</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Traffic</i></p> <p>1. The Town should annually review the accident reports and alleviate or minimize further hazards.</p> <p>2. The Selectmen should then budget and schedule</p>	<p>1 The Selectmen will ask the Police Chief to review the accident report prepared by MDOT and upon consultation with MDOT make recommendations to the Selectmen for reducing the hazards.</p> <p>2 The Selectmen should then budget and schedule</p>	<p>Road Commissioner and Police Chief</p> <p>Selectmen</p>	<p>Annually</p> <p>Short</p>

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<p>2. The Planning Board shall consider the consequences of development in regards to traffic congestion and safety</p>	<p>the appropriate actions.</p> <p>3 The Planning Board should review the Land Use Ordinance relative to the ability to evaluate the impacts of proposed development on traffic. If needed, amend ordinance to provide that authority. Consider amending the ordinance to include entrance/driveway, curb-cut policy.</p> <p>4 The Town should explore traffic flow patterns Downtown</p>	<p>Planning Board</p> <p>Road Commissioner and Police Chief, help from MDOT</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Sidewalks</i></p> <p>1. The Town should take the responsibility for securing funding to build and replace sidewalk according to state standards.</p> <p>2. The Town should assure that sidewalks are adequately maintained</p>	<p>1. The Selectmen should consult with MDOT regarding the possibilities of linking the Downtown with businesses on Business Route 1 and pursue funding to construct it.</p> <p>2. The Town Administrator should ascertain costs and sources of funding</p>	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Town Administrator</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Parking</i></p> <p>1. The Town should examine the adequacy of parking spaces Downtown especially during the tourist season.</p> <p>2. The Town should examine increasing the designated parking opportunities for Shell Fish Harvesters to access The Damariscotta River and Great Salt Bay from Downtown</p>	<p>1. The Selectmen should periodically survey the parking situation and:</p> <p>a. Work with Shell Fish Conservation Commission and the Town of Newcastle to identify parking spaces with easy access to Salt Bay for Shell Fish Harvesters</p> <p>b. Work in partnership with the Chamber and business owners to develop a parking lot off Downtown and operate a Van for employee parking.</p> <p>c. explore feasible options to expand the municipal parking lot</p> <p>d. Explore purchasing land for additional access to Salt Bay for commercial harvesters.</p>	<p>Selectmen, Police Chief</p> <p>Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Every 1-3 years</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p>

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	<p>e. Develop a plan and seek funding to acquire the necessary land to develop the documented parking spaces needed.</p> <p>2. Make provisions for parking Tour Buses, which are stopping by with increasing frequency</p>	<p>Selectmen, Chamber</p> <p>Selectmen, Chamber</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p>
<p><i>Public Water and Sewer System</i></p> <p>The Town recognizes its responsibility to protect the water supply for 1500 people in the towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle. The Town should work with the Great Salt Bay Water District to develop a management plan and associated ordinances to assure that the high water quality of Little Pond is maintained (same as Policy under the Natural Resources Element)</p>	<p>Develop and adopt watershed ordinance consistent with management plan, in which the performance standards are tailored to this particular water body and watershed.</p>	<p>The Planning Board in cooperation with the Great Salt Bay Water District</p>	
<p><i>Waste Water</i></p> <p>Coordinate the growth, land use policies and road maintenance and repair activities with the three towns and the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District</p>	<p>Set up a meeting between the Planning Boards, Public Works departments, Selectmen, and the Trustees annually to discuss permits, capacity at the treatment plant and expansion plans for the next year</p>	<p>Town Administrator</p>	<p>Annually</p>

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<p><i>Fiscal Capacity</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The new initiatives under the Growth Management Act will be seeking to support the viability of Service Centers. Damariscotta is already designated as such, but this issue needs to be emphasized when applying for grants for any of the improvements and services, which are needed for these public services. The Town will prepare a 10 year Capital Improvement Plan in the next fiscal year The Selectmen and the Finance Committee should review the Town's Fiscal condition annually and examine the implications of financing versus using reserves. 	<p>Town Administrator et al</p> <p>Town Administrator and Selectmen</p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Annually updated</i></p>
<p><i>Future Land Use Plan</i> <i>Commercial Growth Areas</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assure the continued vitality of our Downtown. Encourage development to be consistent in design with the established height and setback pattern. Improve vehicular access, parking and pedestrian safety by extending sidewalks where practical and assuring that they are properly maintained. Assure that the commercial development along Business By-Pass Rt. 1 is consistent in height, setback, and density with the current pattern. Improve pedestrian safety by extending sidewalks where practical and assuring that they are properly maintained. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a Master Plan for Downtown Viability. This will include at a minimum a reexamination of the boundaries of downtown, parking, and a sidewalk development and maintenance program. Develop design standards for the Downtown Hospital/ Professional District. Prepare a master plan for developing the Commercial Park. This should include design standards for the commercial development within the park, and performance standards to assure the integrity of the Castner Brook ecosystem and to provide a buffer for the residential district. Amend, if necessary, the Land Use Ordinance to accommodate the Commercial Park 	<p>Selectmen</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Long</p> <p>Long</p>

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<p>3. In addition to encouraging the use of existing commercial zones for expanded growth, the development of a planned unit commercial growth area will be explored.</p>			
<p><i>Residential Growth:</i> We will encourage residential growth in Areas, which are now served by public water and sewer, provided that the carrying capacity of neither the water and sewer system nor the natural resources, such as lakes and ponds, are exceeded.</p> <p><i>Rural, Non-Growth Areas</i> are the areas we wish to protect from extensive residential development. These areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Watershed of the Salt Bay; ◆ The watershed of Little Pond, the water supply; ◆ The watersheds of Biscay and Pemaquid Ponds whose carrying capacity for additional residential development is limited; ◆ The open meadows and wilderness wetlands ecosystems of Oyster Creek, Back Meadow, Cran Meadow and Muddy Pond which have very low densities of development interspersed among fields and woodlands . 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and modify as needed the current land use ordinance to ascertain if the need exists for more dense development in the sewered, currently C-1 and General Residential zones. 2. Review the Ordinance to be sure those standards for conversion of historical homes is consistent with the preservation objectives. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will evaluate residential applications to assure that when built they do not exceed the carrying capacity of the lakes and other natural areas. 2. Broaden the purpose of the Rural District and explore creating at least the following sub-districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lake Protection Subdistrict b. River, Stream and Wetland Wildlife Protection Subdistrict c. Upper Damariscotta and Salt Bay Protection Subdistrict 3. Develop appropriate design and performance standards for the Rural Subdistrict 	<p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board and Historic Commission</p> <p>Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Great Salt Bay Water District</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>

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	<p>4. Develop a surface water supply protection management plan to provide maximum protection. This may include an ordinance if thought appropriate</p> <p>4. Work with neighboring Newcastle and Nobleboro to form a Salt Bay Watershed Protection District</p> <p>4. In cooperation with local conservation organizations and government agencies, explore protective measures, including possibilities of designating appropriate marine protection areas in Salt Bay.</p> <p>4. .Revise the subdivision ordinance to assure consistency with state subdivision law (for example, 30-A MRSA §4401 and § 4404 designate the Upper River and Salt Bay an outstanding river segment and require that principle structures in subdivisions have a greater set back than in other shoreland areas)</p> <p>4. Upgrade Shoreland Ordinance by reviewing the Resource Protection Districts to assure that the ordinance is being used to its maximum capability to protect the shorelines and water quality of the rivers, wetlands, streams and ponds of Damariscotta.</p> <p>4. .Investigate interest in Bremen, Waldoboro, and Bristol in forming a Watershed Protection District for Pemaquid and Biscay ponds;</p> <p>5. . Request the assistance of DEP and other lake associations with experience in developing protection and restoration programs such as phosphorus control ordinances.</p> <p>11.Review the Land Use Ordinance to assure that uses, lot sizes and set back requirements are consistent with the purpose of each district.</p>	<p>Great Salt Bay Sanitary and Water District</p> <p>Damariscotta River Association, Conservation Commission</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p> <p>Planning Board</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Long</p>