

Worksheet
Historic & Cultural Resources
Housing
Recreation

Issues, Need, Concerns, Comments, Questions

Chapter 8: Historical and Cultural Resources

- The Maine Historic Preservation Commission recommends that a comprehensive survey of Waterville's historic above-ground resources and historic archeological sites be conducted.
- The City also contains significant Archeological sites which should be protected and studied.
- The housing stock contains many locally important examples of historic building styles.
- A very popular tourist activity is exploring historic sites.
- How can the City enhance and promote its historic places ?
- Are the City's cultural and social events adequately promoted?
- Can the City become or grow into a cultural/historic designation?
- How can the City further enhance its position as a place of higher learning?
- Are City residents fully aware of the variety and historical significance of its buildings and structures?
- What building designs and shapes constructed today will future generations value and prize?
- Does design contribute to the health, vitality or economic growth of the City?
- How can we enhance our existing cultural events, places, and resources?

Chapter 2: Housing

- Housing affordability is an issue for some households looking to rent or purchase housing.
- A housing condition study was conducted in 2002 which stated that upwards of 25% of all residential units in the City are located in moderately to severely substandard residential structures.
- The South End Neighborhood has developed a plan which addresses housing and quality of life issues.
- The City offers a variety of housing styles and prices which provides opportunities for persons to purchase affordable housing.
- The City has many different housing types and styles, which creates an exciting mix of housing.
- The demand for affordable apartment/rental units is high despite the number of subsidized units offered.
- The anticipated modest population growth and declining household size will create a need for additional housing in the City.
- What yet untapped areas of the City could be developed for new housing?
- What opportunities exist to connect potential homeowners with vacant housing throughout the City?
- What policy should the City use to determine whether a tax acquired house should be sold /demolished or used for another purpose such as a park or for parking?
- What other Local/Regional/ State/ or Federal programs exist which can be used to rehab vacant or underutilized housing?
- What types of new housing should be promoted within the City?
- How do housing/neighborhood conditions and quality of life issues intersect?
- How can the City effectively partner with private/ market housing players to improve housing?
- Are the anticipated housing needs of an aging population being adequately addressed?
- What opportunities exist for new homeowners/housing sales if elderly residents find new housing options in the City?
- What housing opportunities are needed to attract younger residents?
- What other amenities influence housing purchase decisions?

Chapter 7: Recreation Facilities

- The City currently offers a variety of recreational opportunities for residents.
- The City maintains partnerships with a variety of other recreational providers and organizations.
- Chapter 7 contains a list of recommendations for future recreation improvements. Is this list adequate and is there anything missing?
- How can recreational opportunities be provided in the more dense neighborhoods?
- How can recreational opportunities be offered in a more pedestrian friendly manner?
- Are there adequate sidewalks available for children to walk to recreational areas?
- How can tourism opportunities be increased?
- Considering that the future recreational needs of our aging population will be very different from previous generation, are opportunities available?
- How will a regional interconnected trail system affect the City?
- How can the City connect with other regional recreational opportunities?
- Could Waterville serve as a hub to connect with other regional recreational activities such as fishing, white-water-rafting, camping, historic tourism, shopping, fall-leaf-watching, skiing and snowmobiling etc?