

Task Force Final Report: Section B

Task Force 2

Land Use and Transportation

Strategic Intent # 1 Land Use: By 2009, develop a Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This plan will provide for the appropriate protection of public and private property rights. It will also create a ‘Green Infrastructure Plan’ that includes protection of open space and natural resources. The ‘Green Infrastructure’ identified by this plan will be afforded the same status as ‘Gray Infrastructure’. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan will map and identify the desired percentage, location and type of open space’ necessary to protect the community’s character and will be balanced with compatible levels and types of development.

Key Initiative #1: Develop a consensus regarding land use and development issues in order to promote a better community understanding of these issues.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Prioritize the land use and development issues of concern to Victor residents.	
		2	Identify areas that are suitable and unsuitable for development.	
		3	Evaluate techniques to protect property rights, including the means to compensate property owners for negative impacts.	

Key Initiative #2: Create a plan that clarifies and balances private and public property rights with the needs of the community in relation to types of development, conservation, growth management and efficient use of infrastructure.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Re-evaluate the current Density Overlay Districts, Zoning Codes and Zoning Maps based on forecasted development over the next 5 years.	
		2	Develop an incentive zoning policy that addresses the issues that may include, but not limited to - the transfer of development rights, purchase of development rights, development concessions in consideration for providing additional amenities for the community.	
		3	Define the parameters of affordable housing in Victor, including the definition of affordable housing, identification of need in the community for such housing, and the tools available to provide it (Reference: Task Force 9).	

Key Initiative #3: Identify methods to protect important natural and cultural resources.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Establish a Green Infrastructure Plan (Green Infrastructure is our nation's natural life support system – an interconnected network of waterways, wetlands, woodlands, wildlife habitats, and other natural areas; greenways, parks and other conservation lands; working farms, ranches and forests; and wilderness and other open spaces that support native species, maintain natural ecological processes, sustain air and water resources and contribute to the health and quality of life for America's communities and people.'). Components of the plan should address (among other things): Ground and Surface Water use and quality; Open Space; an Environmental Preservation Fund; a Nature and Wildlife Preserve. (Reference: Ed McMahon book on Green Infrastructure for process).	
		2	Create a Green Infrastructure Plan that identifies, prioritizes and delineates the boundaries of the Plan's components. Create a map that shows the individual and cumulative impacts.	
		3	Determine the necessary funding and regulatory tools required for the preservation of important natural and cultural resources. Prioritize these resources as a primary public interest equal to public water, sanitary sewers, drainage and roads.	
		4	The Green Infrastructure Plan should address the fragmentation of open land by encouraging the preservation of larger land areas (Hubs) and by providing connections or 'greenways' between these environmentally sensitive areas.	
		5	Identify existing environmental constraints in the Town such as wetlands, regulated streams, surface drainage, groundwater, air and water pollution standards.	
		6	Compile and analyze all completed studies and plans related to growth management, transportation systems, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, open space / historic / ecological preservation.	
		7	Prepare a management and stewardship plan that meets the restoration and maintenance needs of all green infrastructure network components.	
		8	Integrate the Green Infrastructure Plan in the review and planning process of local, state, and federal agencies and other community and regional planning efforts.	

Key Initiative #4: Establish targets for the appropriate use of land, including the development and conservation needs of Victor for the next five planning period.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Define the use and exercise of Eminent Domain to be used a last resort by the Town.	
		2	Create a rational zoning schedule that meets the forecast demand for each zoning category for the next 5 years.	
		3	Adopt a policy that no additional land shall be rezoned until at least 80% of existing zoned land of the same type has be built out.	
		4	Identify categories of zoning that are not being utilized today and build plans to address.	

Key Initiative #5: Create a set of tools to analyze the amount and type of future development and preservation that the community can afford. These tools would be used to measure and predict the impact of future development in order to plan for the appropriate blend of agricultural, industrial, commercial, residential and protected land uses for the Town.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Create a fiscal impact model to predict future taxes based upon the costs and revenues associated with future land use patterns. This will allow the Town to understand whether development will ‘pay its own way’ in terms of taxes to support the required community services.	
		2	Develop a residential development / construction map that states the build out period, identifies the geographic locations where residential growth will occur, integrates the Green Infrastructure Plan with other types of development and utilizes an approved Town roadway map to designate where future roadways are approved for construction.	
	400K	3	Complete an accurate topographical map of the Town of Victor with two-foot intervals for contours. This will facilitate the accurate delineation of streams, drainage patterns, wetlands and the impact of steep slope constraints on land use.	
		4	Identify tools for the mitigation of financial impact on property owners – incentive zoning, density concessions, tax abatements, purchase of fee with grant, bond or tax revenues, voluntary conservation easements, others.	
		5	Recruit a grant writer to apply for grants from private, federal and state sources to purchase land or development rights and to reestablish important ecological assets (wetlands, forests, natural wildlife habitat, etc.)	

Strategic Intent # 2 Transportation: By 2011, a detailed Comprehensive Transportation Plan will be in place that will cover the projected build out area of the entire Town and provide a transportation system that benefits the community and increases traffic safety and capacity management.

Key Initiative # 1: Investigation: Define the current and future transportation infrastructure necessary to accommodate the projected growth of the Town of Victor and neighboring towns, including all related traffic issues.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Form a study group of appropriate government officials, Department Heads and private citizens.	
		2	Compile all completed transportation studies and identify new required transportation studies. Update old studies to today's conditions.	
	80,000	3	Analyze all current roadways, intersections, bike and hiking trails, railways, signal systems, speed limits, sidewalks, underpasses, transit routes and any other infrastructure related to transportation and traffic flow in the Town of Victor.	
		4	Identify existing problems with current traffic and infrastructure, as well as potential problems that may occur with both new planned development and new potential development.	
	40,000	5	Update the Town Zoning Code and include Design and Construction Standards as part of the Code (not guidelines) to establish clear standards for the design and establishment of transportation infrastructure.	

Key Initiative # 2: Tool Development: Create a set of Transportation Tools to help drive the traffic / transportation actions and solutions. Such tools will be included in the Town Comprehensive Development Plan.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
	15,000	1	<p>Create a Victor Town Street Map (Official Map) with a detailed Street Requirements Plan to include but not be limited to the following items:</p> <p>Current roadways, planned and future road development, and road intersection realignments,</p> <p>Street assignments: Arterial (primary) high-speed, limited driveways, heavy loads; Collector: a balance between mobility and access; Local: low speed, restricted traffic, residential areas. Traffic capacities will be defined for each street assignment and monitored with periodic review,</p> <p>Street design requirements to address issues like: limitations on the size of cul-de-sacs and dead end streets (including patchwork cul-de-sac issues); maximum number of lots on local streets; connectivity to surrounding areas using walking and biking paths,</p> <p>Plan for new collector streets in all residential zones with emphasis on allowing property access from at least two directions, breaking up large areas which may be subject for development and preventing narrow access ways and land-locking of parcels.</p>	
	5,000	2	Create a functional road classification system and map for all town road segments. Create zoning standards that are consistent with the intended use of the planned road.	
	5,000	3	Create and implement a traffic count program on Town Highways and create a GIS database for the information.	
	10,000/yr.	4	Create Transcend model that will forecast traffic volumes due to changes in land use development and/or new roadways or connections and a plan for maintaining and updating the model.	
	20,000	5	Create a database of high accident locations and identify areas in need of safety improvements due to hazardous conditions.	
	2,000	6	Create a guideline for when a traffic study is required and what elements are to be included in the study.	
		7	Create and communicate an Emergency Traffic Plan for the Town and Village.	

Key Initiative # 3: Solutions Development: Create a plan to manage and reduce congestion caused by regional and local development and growth. Provide realistic solutions to reduce congestion throughout the projected build out area.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Create a joint Transportation Task Force, (to include Town, County, Village, and State representative) to provide the continual monitoring of traffic issues in the projected build out area.	
		2	Identify the potential problems and document future impacts of local development, regional development and development in neighboring communities.	
	10,000	3	Identify and propose solutions to current and potential transportation issues to include but not limited to: New alternatives route plans around Eastview Mall (i.e. exits off of 490 to access the Mall directly or approval of development projects along the Rt. 96 corridor only after transportation infrastructure is in place) Signage improvement (i.e. on 490 prior to the Victor Exit, tell drivers about going around Victor via 90 – ‘Save Time, Save Gas – Use the By-Pass’, at Mall tell drivers about new entrance to 490, etc.) Signal improvements Route 96 enhancement Creative alternatives thru the Village of Victor (i.e. a second East-West roadway through or around the village to relieve congestion on Route 96, one way routing, etc.)	
		4	Ensure that the solutions embrace and promote the concept of a walkable community that encourages pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the Village and throughout the Town. Including handicap access.	
		5	Implement the traffic signal coordination study currently being conducted as soon as possible.	
		6	Work with enforcement agencies of the Town and State to enforce traffic regulations on Town, County, and State roadways in the Victor build out area.	
		7	Work with the various Town boards to ensure that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan will carry the same weight as other issues when reviewing proposed developments.	
		8	Work with the appropriate Town officials to incorporate the Comprehensive Transportation Plan into the Town Comprehensive Development Plan.	

Key Initiative # 4: Prioritization: Define traffic / transportation project solutions for the next five years and the budget needs for five key projects.

Year	Cost	#	Action Plan	Who
		1	Identify and prioritize the projects by capacity and or safety deficiency.	
	10,000	2	Provide a cost-benefit analysis for each project. This would include the re-prioritizing of old traffic related issues identified in all completed studies.	
		3	Identify potential sources of funding and the timetables involved in securing that funding.	
		4	Create a Highway Development and Improvement Fund for capital improvements on Town owned sidewalks and roadways and a schedule for construction of planned improvements.	
		5	Develop budget for short term and long-term projects.	
		6	Develop a communication vehicle to educate the community about the Transportation Plans. Deliver the message.	

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