

**Town of Bristol  
Comprehensive Plan  
March 2007**

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# FORWARD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOWN OF BRISTOL

Bristol's Comprehensive Plan is reflective of the survey responses made (37.5% return) by property owners in the Fall of 2005. Accepting the challenge, the Comprehensive Plan Committee has used the survey results to identify specific goals and recommend strategies, which are succinctly expressed in Bristol's Vision Statement:

**Preserve and encourage a clean, naturally beautiful, rural environment with carefully planned commercial development, aesthetically pleasing, controlled residential growth, and increased recreational opportunities, while encouraging the preservation of agricultural lands.**

As a precursor to the review, the reader should understand that the plan is not a detailed instruction manual. This comprehensive plan merely sets the direction and a general way to accomplish the residents' objectives. Once enacted, all recommendations must be translated into zoning laws, budget allocations and other actions having the force of law.

This document, in the eyes of the Comprehensive Plan Committee provides for flexibility; it would otherwise handicap those responsible for implementation. Success may only be realized when the citizens of a municipality work together.

Respectfully,

Comprehensive Plan Committee

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# 1.0 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

A detailed analysis of the physical characteristics of our area is of primary importance when determining future development and appropriately adjusting or identifying currently zoned areas.

The Town's attentiveness to our topography will help insure the sustainability of development. Town officials will thus consider that development is orderly and that the physical limitations of the countryside are observed in all decisions.

Our community's natural drainage systems, flood plains, wetlands, steep slopes, and the suitability of scenic vistas will further dictate development, type of development or lack of development. Officials must remain ever mindful of the necessary maintenance and needed improvement to our environmental systems.

Remaining cognizant of our physical characteristics, and making application to any development remains ever important. Although the Town of Bristol has not experienced rapid growth, it is evident that undeveloped properties have been reduced significantly.



*Vincent Hill looking West*



*Footer Road looking South*

## Town of Bristol Land Use

Types of Use	(Contrasting with 1996) (Acres)	
	Increase	Decrease
Residential.....	26%	
Agricultural-Conservation.....		2%
Vacant - Other.....		11%
Vacant - Agricultural.....		34%
Seasonal Residences.....		7%
Vacant - Residential.....		59%
Community Services.....		61%
Commercial.....		66%
Vacant - Commercial.....		76%
Recreational.....	69%	
Industrial.....	27%	
Public Services.....	44%	

# 1.1 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## **GOAL:**

To improve the condition of the environment and protect it from degradation.

## **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Protect Bristol's natural resources.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Cataloging and/or mapping of our natural resources.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Develop an inventory of undeveloped or vacant parcels within the municipality

Continue to develop map overlays identifying steep slopes (15 or more percent), wetlands, flood plains, stream corridors, drainage ways and flood hazard areas; identify critical environmental areas

Identify and evaluate the potential of prominent features, e.g., Burning Springs and Stid Hill

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Town Assessor will identify undeveloped and vacant parcels

Code Enforcement Officer will work with Ontario County Planning Department to create the overlays

Town Historian will identify the potential features

## 1.2 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### **GOAL:**

To improve the condition of the environment and protect it from degradation.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

An open space plan will be developed and strategies will be established to achieve the Town's goals.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Open space potentials shall be identified and verified.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Prepare and adopt a plan concerning the use and acceptance of conservation easements and areas of environmental concerns, pursuant to land subdivision and zoning regulations

Consider future acquisition of common open space

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Planning Board to formulate the plan and Town Board to approve

Town Board to consider all acquisitions

## 1.3 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### **GOAL:**

To improve the condition of the environment and protect it from degradation.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

An open space plan will be developed and strategies will be established to achieve the Town goals.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Provide a fair distribution of costs and benefits of open space which is provided for public use.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Planning Board to periodically review requirements of ceded subdivided land for major subdivisions as defined in "Major Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Bristol"

The Town will consider fees or alternatives to fees which are normally associated with any project development

### RESOURCES NEEDED

Planning Board to periodically review and recommend to Town Board

Town Board will consider fees or alternatives

## 1.4 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### **GOAL:**

To improve the condition of the environment and protect it from degradation.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Rezoning will make better use of Bristol's properties.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Review and recommend changes for Bristol zoning.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Review of current zoning, giving due consideration to "cluster", mixed use, magnitude, and currently zoned districts correctly identified

### RESOURCES NEEDED

An up-to-date survey of current land use versus zoned uses as compiled by Town of Bristol Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer

All conclusions reached by Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer will be reviewed by the Planning Board and recommendations made to the Town Board

# 1.5 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## **GOAL:**

To improve the condition of the environment and protect it from degradation.

## **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Conservation measures will be taken to protect and further enhance our environment.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Retain and nurture existing forest lands and open areas.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Awareness of Local Law 1-2005  
"Timber Harvesting  
Regulations"

Awareness of Article Thirteen  
Zoning Ordinance of the Town  
of Bristol "Steep Slope  
Regulations"

### RESOURCES NEEDED

Enforcement of Local Law:  
Timber Harvesting

Enforcement of Article  
Thirteen: Steep Slope  
Regulations

# 1.6 CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## GOAL:

To improve the condition of the environment and protect it from degradation.

## INTENDED OUTCOMES:

Protect, preserve and enhance Bristol's four watersheds (upper and lower Honeoye Creek, Mud Creek-Ganargua Creek and Canandaigua Lake).

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Encourage environmentally beneficial land uses and land controls in the watersheds.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Planning Board will consider steep slopes (Local Law 1-2004) legislation when approving Site Plans

Local Law 1-2003 "Waste" Water Treatment", will help serve to keep the environment healthy

The Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Code Enforcement Officer, and Highway Superintendent shall implement ground water management/storm water management practices

### RESOURCES NEEDED

Enforcement of Local Law: "Steep Slope Regulations" by Code Enforcement Officer

Enforcement of Local Law: "Waste Water Treatment" by Code Enforcement Officer

Further education for all Town Officials

Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to consider storm water management on all applications.

Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for implementation. Highway Superintendent shall be in compliance with storm water management practices

## 2.0 COMMUNITY CHARACTER

The residents of the Town of Bristol have indicated through opinion surveys in 1996 and in 2005, that maintaining the rural character and scenic vistas of our town were their biggest concern. Our town's vision statement reflects this desire, and charges town government with decision making that ensures the protection of this valued natural resource.



*Tilton Road looking South*

The goal of this portion of the Comprehensive Plan is to bring town officials and Bristol residents to a mutual agreement on guidelines for defining these resources. We intend to create parameters which will define rural character, while maintaining Bristol's significant scenic vistas, and clarifying primary natural resources needing our protection. Identifying what is meant by these terms will mark a clear path for town decision makers, and aid them in their task of guiding town growth and protecting and preserving our community character.



*Tilton Road looking East*

### SCENIC VISTA CHRONICLES

*The photos contained within this document are illustrative of community landscapes representative of Bristol's visual character. These photographs provide a "snapshot" of what currently exists within the community. Representative sites have been selected to serve as a complementing guide for all future development.*

*Scenic vistas are Bristol's most important natural resource, and maintaining them should be a primary consideration in all aspects of development in our town.*

*The photographs within this plan offer a sampling of some, but not in anyway a complete representation, of the scenic vistas in Bristol.*

## 2.1 COMMUNITY CHARACTER

### **GOAL:**

Preserve our rural character, protect our natural resources and maintain scenic vistas.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Ongoing attention to the preservation of rural character.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Through survey results and informational meetings, establish a townwide definition for "rural character".

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Review previous Town-wide surveys

Hold informational meetings

Provide 3 to 5 points or elements that define rural character. Integrate these points into the Comprehensive Plan

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

It will be the responsibility of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to provide feedback and opinions based on survey results

Town Board to coordinate as needed

## 2.2 COMMUNITY CHARACTER

### **GOAL:**

Preserve our rural character, protect our natural resources and maintain scenic vistas.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Protect natural resources.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Identify designated areas of significance for Bristol's natural resources.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Encourage awareness and protection of wildlife areas and unique natural areas

Prepare an open space plan

Maintain and protect areas of environmental sensitivity

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

All Boards shall remain vigilant when preparing SEQR applications for any new development within the Town of Bristol

Planning Board's responsibility is to review the current open space plan and make recommendations to the Town Board

Information and education from State and Local Agencies

## 2.3 COMMUNITY CHARACTER

### **GOAL:**

Preserve our rural character, protect our natural resources and maintain scenic vistas.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Maintain scenic vistas.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Identify designated geographic areas of significance for Bristol's scenic vistas.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Identify and map scenic vista areas

Review and update local laws to strengthen the protection of scenic vistas

### RESOURCES NEEDED

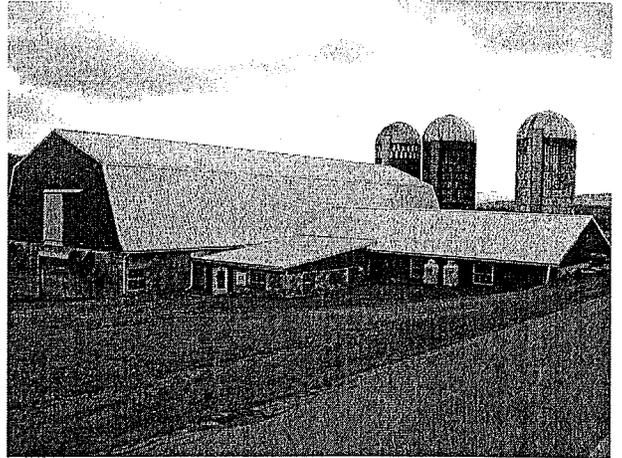
Comprehensive Plan Committee will identify and map scenic vistas with input from community participation

Comprehensive Plan Committee is responsible for the creation of overlay districts for scenic vistas

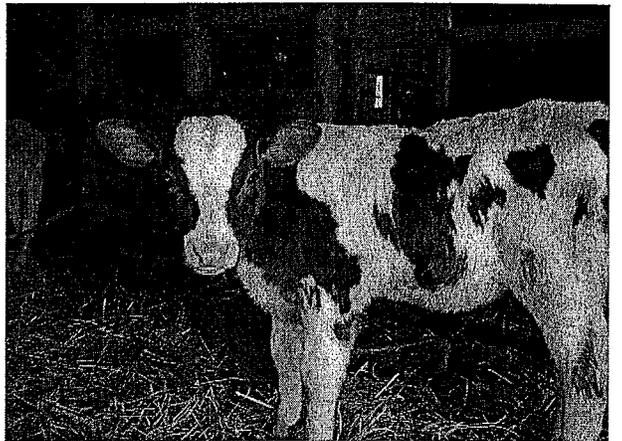
Planning Board will review Zoning Regulations  
Planning Board will review scenic vista areas

### 3.0 AGRICULTURE

According to the American Farmland Trust, every minute of every day we lose 2 acres of agricultural land to development. They have evaluated the cost of development in terms of municipal services required. For every \$1 spent in taxes in New York State, residential lands require \$1.32 worth of public services (schools, fire and police protection, roads and other infrastructure, etc.) while farmlands require \$.21 worth of the same services. (Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Plan 2000.)



*Greenview Farms*



*Joann at Greenview Farms*

Losing farmland to development in Bristol would influence the tax structure and it would also affect our town's overall character. According to the "Joint Report of the Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board and the Ontario County Planning Board Regarding the Recertification of Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1 - November 2004" shows the following agricultural land acreage change for the Town of Bristol:

% of Change 1992 to 1999	-	-27%
% of Change 1999 to 2004	-	-23%
% of Change 1992 to 2004	-	-44%



*Field crops in Bristol*

Once farmland is developed, it is rarely, if ever returned to farming. We only have a finite amount of land, and our hope is that this Comprehensive Plan will act as a tool for future planning.

## 3.1 AGRICULTURE

### **GOAL:**

Promote agriculture viability and protect the Town's agricultural land resources.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

When possible, keep agricultural lands in production.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Work with agriculture producers to help them stay viable.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Agricultural assessments for land and active agriculture production including land owners

Make land owners aware of Federal and State programs, such as the Conservation Reserve Program and AEM.

Address private, public, and nonprofit purchase of development rights

### RESOURCES NEEDED

Assessor will continue to provide, promote and evaluate agricultural assessments for active agricultural producers and land owners

U.S.D.A. Phone 585-394-0525  
Website: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)  
3037 Cty. Rd. #10  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Finger Lakes Land Trust  
202 East Court Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850 607-275-9487  
[www.flit.org](http://www.flit.org)  
State, Town or County to purchase potential development rights

## 3.1 AGRICULTURE Continued

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

#### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Explore newly passed NYS legislation which provides targeted assistance to business incubators, small and medium businesses, and businesses that use agricultural and forest products grown in NYS

Small loans without interest for agricultural businesses

Encourage the introduction of new crops (e.g., hop growing)

Explore and publicize alternative opportunities available to farms to expand their operation/specialty items or tourist related or recreational activities; Encourage new agricultural markets and encourage environmentally sound agricultural practices

Review and define the Agricultural-Conservation (A-C) District

#### RESOURCES NEEDED

NYS Legislative Law  
Ref. Pg.7 of T/O Naples Comp. Plan, Economic Development

W.O.L.C.D.C Laura Ramsay, Dir.  
Phone 585-657-7966  
Website: [www.wolcdc.org](http://www.wolcdc.org)  
200 Bloomfield Ind. Park  
Bloomfield, NY 14469

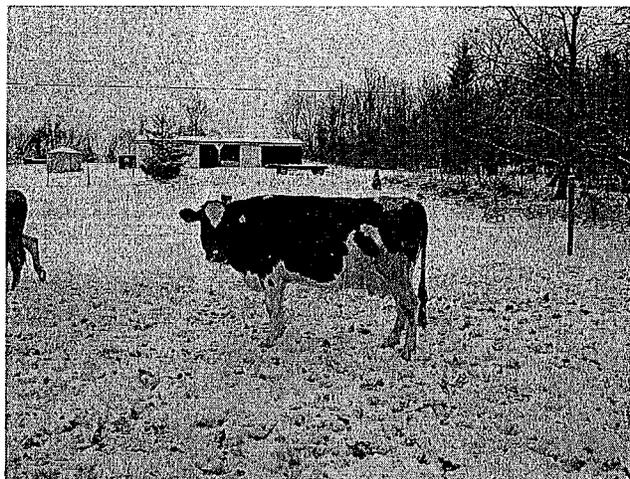
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Phone: 585-394-3977  
Website: [www.cce.cornell.edu/ontario](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/ontario)

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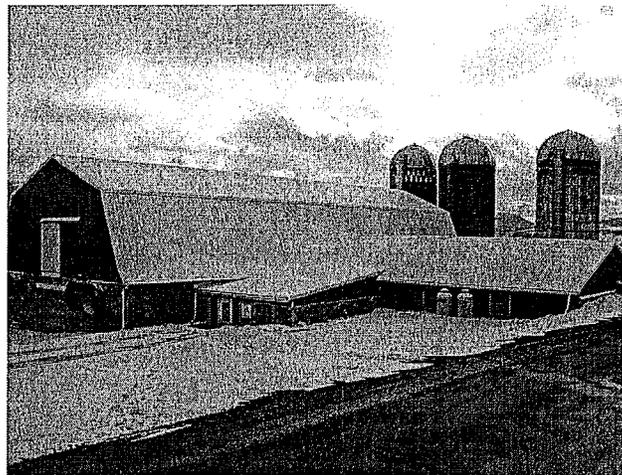
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Review by Planning Board, then recommend to Town Board

# BRISTOL AGRICULTURE



*Nancy*



*Greenview Farms in winter*



*Footer Road looking South*



*Pinky*



*Patti*



*Tilton Road looking South*

## 3.2 AGRICULTURE

### **GOAL:**

Promote agriculture viability and protect the Town's agricultural land resources.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Increase awareness and the importance of agriculture and the contributions it makes to the Town's character and economy.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

To work with the community so that they are aware of the many benefits of having agricultural producers in their community.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Identify local agricultural producers

Awareness of "Right to Farm" Law - continue to implement and promote

Seek the active participation of Bristol's farmers in further developing Ontario County's Agricultural Adventure Trail

Promote farms as part of rural character of Town

### **RESOURCES NEEDED**

Town Assessor to identify agricultural producers

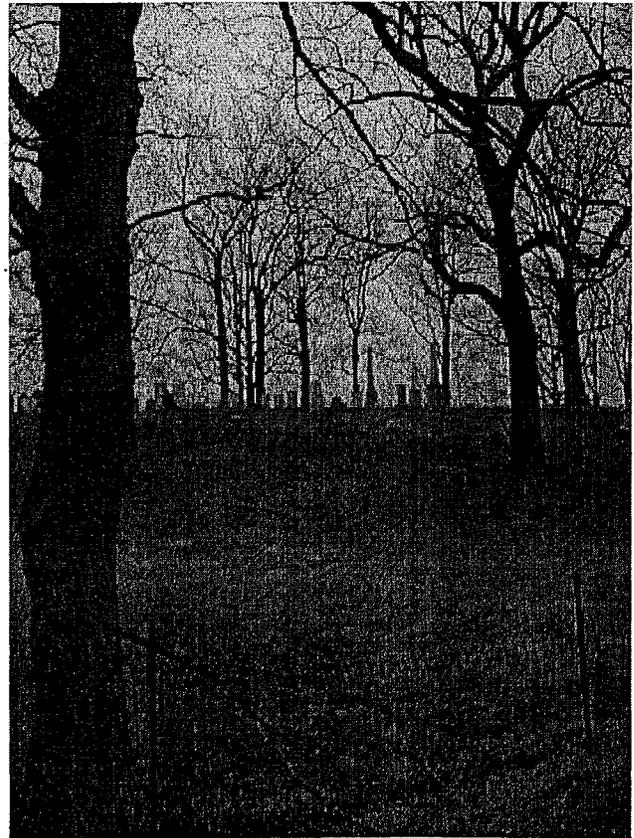
Enforcement of "Right-to-Farm" Law

Town of Bristol Agricultural Committee

Feature a farm in the Bristol Newsletter  
Provide a booth at "Bristol Fun Day" as organized by the Agricultural Committee

## 4.0 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

The best plans and strategies are of little value if they are not communicated and accessible to all involved. It is of the utmost importance that all town officials and residents are aware of the ideas and concerns laid out in the Comprehensive Plan. It is equally important that a process for carrying out the goals of the plan be provided to them as well. Setting clear expectations on how we manage the growth and development of our town will create a consistent environment where the Comprehensive Plan objectives can be implemented.



*Scenes around Bristol*

## 4.1 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

### **GOAL:**

To shape and improve the quality of life in the Town of Bristol through planned and managed growth.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Promote land use, development and environmental regulations which are in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Consistent criteria, guidelines and procedures for various land use decisions made by Town Board and officials.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Map decision-making process

Keep process current with State & local regulations

Minutes of all Municipal Boards distributed to all Members

### RESOURCES NEEDED

Chair of ZBA, Planning Board & Town Board outline decision-making process for their respective Boards

Town Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer to distribute as needed

Minutes of all Municipal Boards will be available, upon approval. The Webmaster will post on Town of Bristol Website

## 4.2 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

### **GOAL:**

To shape and improve the quality of life in the Town of Bristol through planned and managed growth.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Integrate the decision making process of municipal boards and officials with policy directed by the Comprehensive Plan.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

All Boards are required to reflect the goals of the Comprehensive Plan when updating the Town of Bristol Zoning Regulations and related local laws.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Reinforce that all decisions are made in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan

Require appropriate training resources for all Board members annually

Workshop for all Board members to review implementation of the new Comprehensive Plan

### **RESOURCES NEEDED**

The Town Board is responsible for reviewing the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board meetings

New York State Government, Ontario County Planning Department, Town Board, Chairpersons of Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board will monitor training

Comprehensive Plan Committee to conduct an informational workshop for Town Board members

## 4.2 GROWTH MANAGEMENT CONTINUED

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

#### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

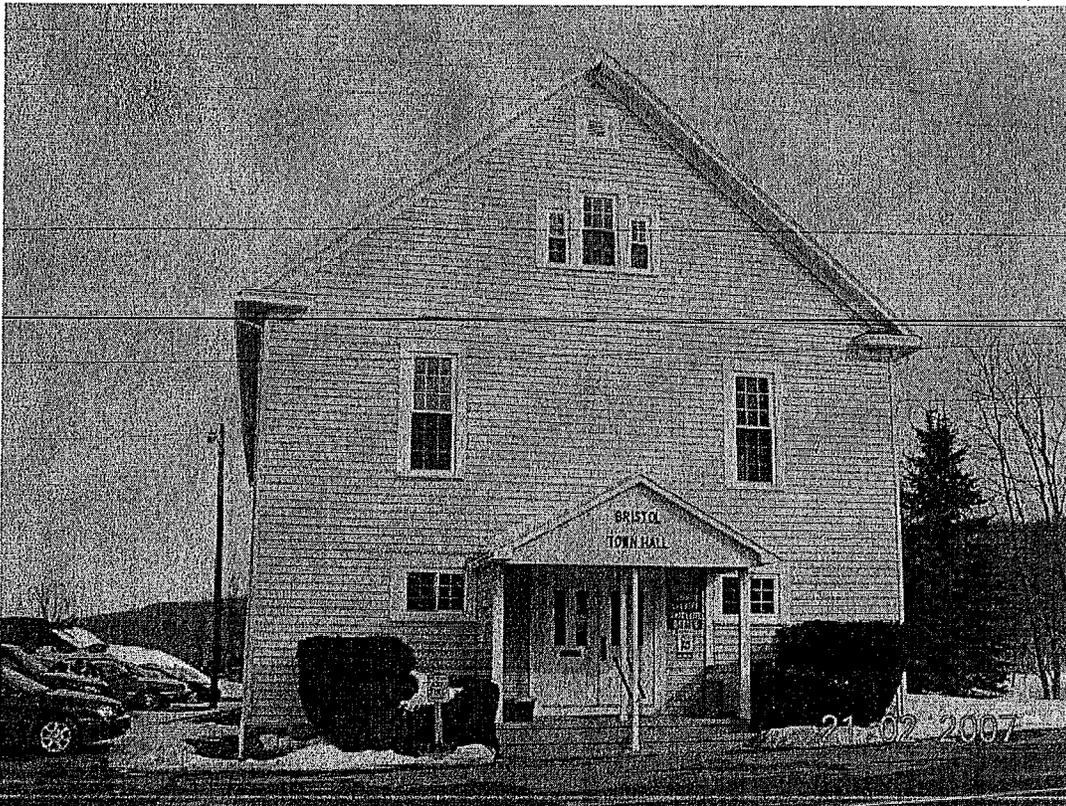
Examine/Adjust current zoning regulations to establish consistency with Comprehensive Plan

Address other areas of concern based on trends created by requests for variances

#### RESOURCES NEEDED

Will be the responsibility of the Planning Board Chairperson to decide how they want to implement

Zoning Board of Appeals will submit an annual report on trends

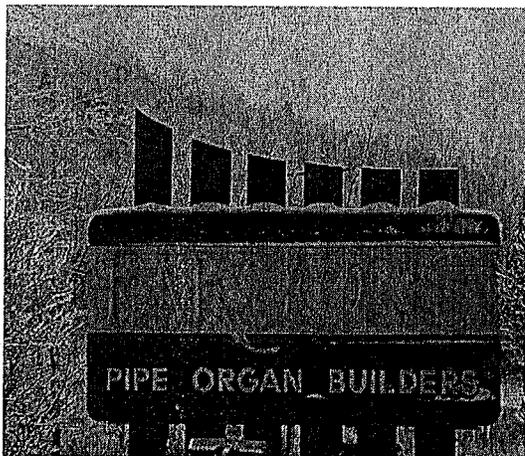


*Bristol Town Hall*

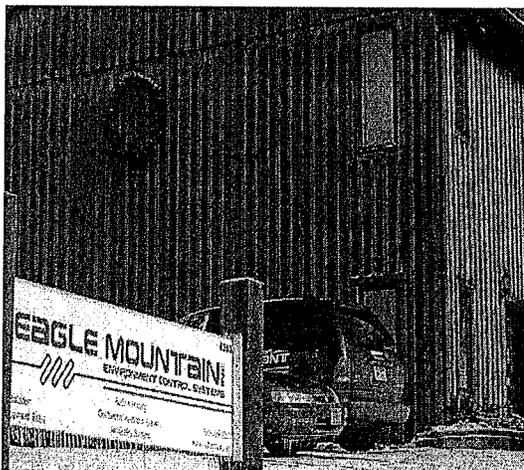
## 5.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*Bristol Trading Post*



*Parsons Pipe Organ Builders*



*Eagle Mountain*

With the advent of the Internet, and more importantly fiber optic cables, there exists a worldwide labor and sales force without geographical and political boundaries. The Town of Bristol recognizes these changes and will attempt to orchestrate this phenomenon to our advantage for future economic development.

Additionally, in our attempt to encourage a more stable and diverse economy, we will review other potential sources for economic development by evaluating our infrastructure, reviewing zoning issues and districts, exploring legislation and researching other existing federal, state, local and private opportunities.

Bristol is located in Ontario County, where the job growth rate of 10% is five times greater than the Rochester Metropolitan Area\*, the Town of Bristol must employ an economic development plan that can encourage residual and appropriate growth. Major employment opportunities exist along the I-90 corridor in the northern part of the county. Due to our relatively isolated location, industrial development may not be forthcoming to Bristol. However, this may be in our best interest by allowing us to focus and promote smaller business development such as technological, artisan and light industrial businesses.

\*As reported in the 2000 U.S. Census.

## 5.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **GOAL:**

To encourage a stable and diverse economy.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Increase number of low-impact businesses.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Work closely with W.O.L.C.D.C. to study potential opportunities.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Inventory existing commercial and industrial businesses

Evaluate infrastructure needs

Identify specific opportunities to pursue and/or facilitate

Review zoning district issues, possibly expanding, reducing and/or changing current districts

Advertise small loans from W.O.L.C.D.C.

Work with Ontario County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to assist in acquiring appropriate capital project loans

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Responsibility of Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshall

Ontario County Planning Dept. and Town Supervisor

Town Supervisor, Town of Bristol representative(s) to W.O.L.C.D.C., Town Newsletter

Responsibility of Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board and Town Board

Advertise thru Town Newsletter and Town Website, gathered by Town representative(s) to W.O.L.C.D.C. (their Website)

Town Supervisor, W.O.L.C.D.C., Town Newsletter, information/material available at Town Hall

## 5.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### GOAL:

To promote businesses having a low impact while at the same time being complimentary to the protection of Bristol's and our neighboring towns' environment.

### INTENDED OUTCOMES:

Protection of the environment and the stimulation of appropriate economic development while maintaining a high quality of life within the town.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Create a Town of Bristol "Resource Conservation and Development Program", following federal (USDA) guidelines.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Follow Federal guidelines for setting up community-based board

Contact Rich Winnett, Coordinator for the Sullivan Trails, USDA Resource Conservation & Development Agency @ (607) 776-9631, X2603 for more info

Scan USDA Website ([WWW.nha.nrcs.usda.gov/RCCD/homepage.ktm](http://WWW.nha.nrcs.usda.gov/RCCD/homepage.ktm))

Plan for Organization's mission, goals, objectives, etc.

Get on USDA waiting list

Investigate receiving assistance from the Federal Ameri Corps VISTA Program  
(Joan Robey-Davison (585) 266-4693)

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Small volunteer Economic Committee (or person) created by Town Board

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Small volunteer Economic Committee (or committee of one) created by Town Board

Volunteer Economic Committee and/or Town Personnel Committee obtain a VISTA person

## 5.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

#### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

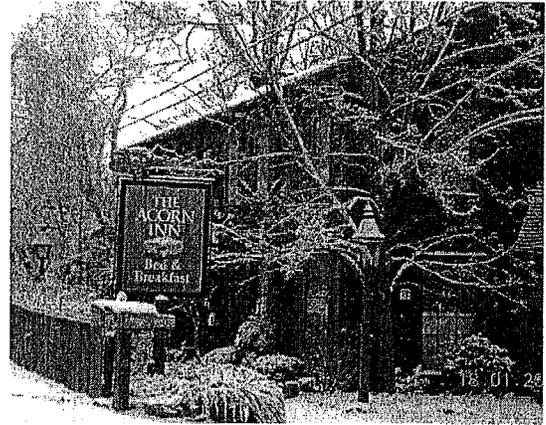
Explore newly passed NYS legislation which provides targeted assistance to business incubators, small and medium businesses and businesses that use agricultural and forest products grown in NYS

#### RESOURCES NEEDED:

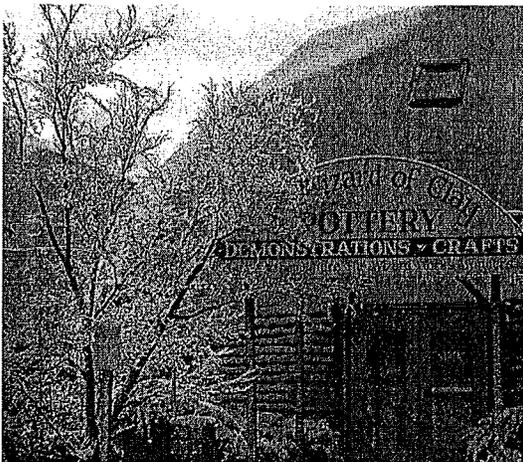
Volunteer Economic Committee and/or Town Personnel Committee to obtain a VISTA volunteer directly responsible to the Town Board



*Bristol Valley Hardwoods*



*The Acorn Inn  
Bed & Breakfast*



*Wizard of Clay Pottery*

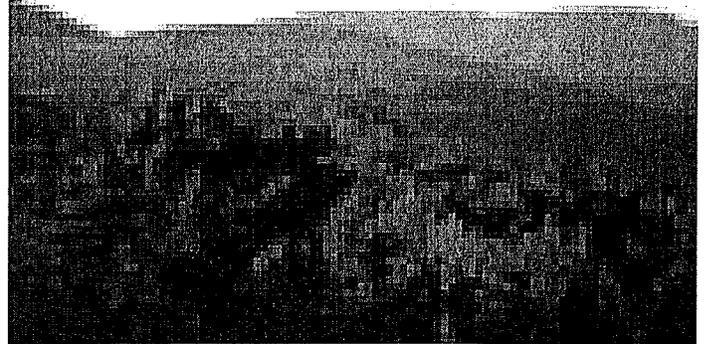


*Bristol retail on Route 64*

## 6.0 TOURISM



*Grape Festival*



*Scenic Bristol Hills*

Bristol is located within the Finger Lakes area, which is a popular tourist destination for national and international visitors. The area has a wealth of pastime activities such as skiing, fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, boating, camping and golfing. More passive activities include scenic drives and shopping, with arts and crafts as an increasingly popular draw. The Finger Lakes wineries draw a major number of visitors, while the NYS Culinary Institute, located in Canandaigua, is expected to beckon people to our region to learn of and enjoy New York State products.

Seasonal shifts occur in local tourism. During the summer, visitors are the base of tourism. From Labor Day into the fall visitors come for festivals, wineries and changing colors. In the winter, Bristol Mountain and other area resorts draw skiers and other cold-weather enthusiasts. During the various seasons, outdoor enthusiasts hunt, fish and bike throughout the area.

On its own, the Town of Bristol doesn't draw a significant number of tourists. In general, we rely on those visitors who pass through the town on their way to other destinations.

Our goal is to strengthen the aesthetic and economic value of Bristol as a tourist destination by encouraging the development of more lodging, i.e., Bed and Breakfasts and Inns; artisan businesses and other unique ideas such as creating a "Gallery Pathway" of in-home and in-business art and attractions. We feel this can be accomplished by producing links on the town website and by developing a committee to help guide tourism activities for Bristol.

## 6.1 TOURISM

### **GOAL:**

Strengthen the numbers of tourists without the negative residuals, i.e. a decrease in property values and the increased development common to many tourist communities.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Create a marketing strategy with a Website as a cornerstone.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Increase year-round tourism via a coordinated marketing plan, including Web-based marketing.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

List area's assets for tourism expansion

List any unique qualities of Bristol as a tourist focus

List any weaknesses

Link with Finger Lakes Tourism to create packages  
Finger Lakes Visitors Connection,  
1-877-FUN-IN-NY,  
WWW.VISITFINGERLAKES.COM

Research Lake Placid's Website as a sample of a "concierge service"

Work with Bristol Mountain

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Small citizen committee, volunteer, or VISTA worker

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Small citizen committee, volunteer, or VISTA worker

Town Supervisor or appointee to have overall responsibility

Town Supervisor or appointee

Town Supervisor or appointee

## 6.2 TOURISM

### **GOAL:**

Strengthen the aesthetic and economic value of Bristol as a tourism destination by encouraging the development of Bed & Breakfasts and/or Inns as home occupations

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Community renewal is necessary for the Town's aesthetics. A variety of overnight rooms to be created for visiting tourists.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Ensure that existing housing units are safe and adequately maintained.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Research and establish the need:  
Clear codes to allow for more home businesses

Research Watkins Glen and Ellicottville as possible models

List all home businesses

Capitalize on our local history museum

Create a "gallery pathway" of in-home and in-business art and attractions, i.e., Parsons Organ, Wizard of Clay, Acorn Inn, Quail Run Studio, etc.

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Planning Board to review current zoning

Volunteer or VISTA worker

Assessor or Code Enforcement Officer

Town Historian

Volunteer Committee

## 6.2 TOURISM CONTINUED

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

#### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

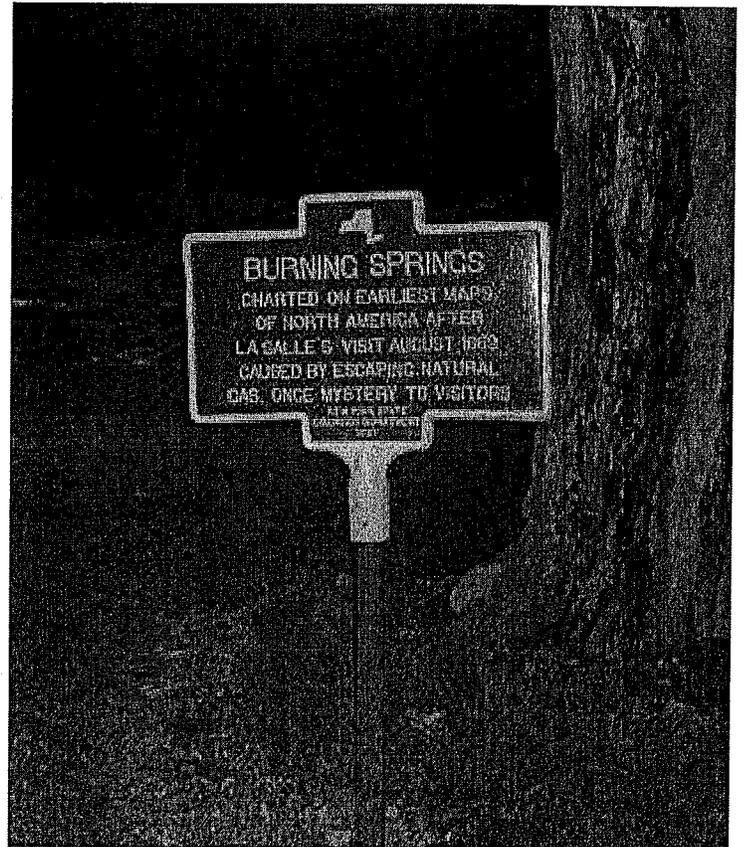
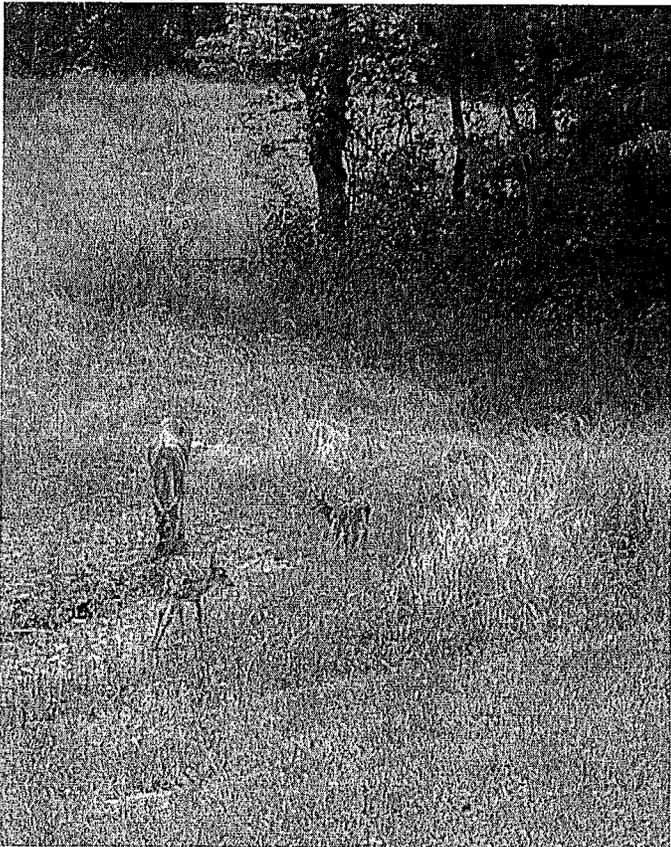
Strong link in our Website

Locate interested parties for a small committee responsible for promoting Tourism

#### RESOURCES NEEDED:

VISTA worker

Town Supervisor



*Bristol Wildlife and Burning Springs*

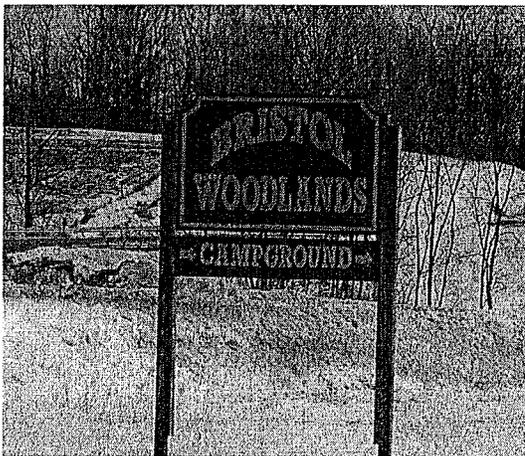
## 7.0 PARKS AND RECREATION



Parks and recreational opportunities enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors to the Town of Bristol. The demand for recreational facilities from the growing resident population within the area will continue to increase. Of prime importance is to stay current with the needs and wishes of residents and visitors and see that these interests are evaluated and incorporated into planning.



*Burning Springs*



Levi Corser Memorial Park is popular and well used; its continued maintenance and possible expansion should be provided for. Development of new recreational and park facilities will require a vision and a plan. Town officials and residents should work on these projects together. Recreational opportunities, both public and private, should be encouraged and promoted.

## 7.1 PARKS AND RECREATION

### **GOAL:**

To enhance our Town park and recreation opportunities for the residents and visitors to the Town of Bristol.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Improve and expand Levi Corser Park and consider the development of a satellite park.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

To build upon and expand the Levi Corser Park.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Maintain existing facilities

Improve park, expand shelter seating, add physical fitness circuit, and stations around track

Expand park and pursue additional property adjacent to the current park to incorporate:

- Walking paths
- Interpretative nature trail
- Shade
- Parking

Continually monitor park users' and residents' needs, wants and ideas to stay in tune

Consider development of a satellite park

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Budget line item

Reserve Fund/Capital Reserve/Capital Project

Funding and a willing seller

Periodic surveys or comment cards-suggestion box

Town Board

## 7.2 PARKS AND RECREATION

### **GOAL:**

Encourage diverse recreational opportunities for residents.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Encourage youth programs to help keep children active and healthy.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Encourage recreational programs and explore ways to improve and expand.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Summer recreation

Learn to swim

Library

Sports

Ice Skating Rink

Snowmobile Trails

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Town Board will continue to evaluate and financially support intra and inter-municipal programs

Swimming Pool Recreational Director

## 7.3 PARKS AND RECREATION

### **GOAL:**

Encourage diverse recreational opportunities for residents.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Establish walking and hiking trails and paths, sidewalks and bicycle lanes on roads.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Establish a recreation committee.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Study, research and initiate options for:

- Qualified abandoned roads
- Right of way-utility
- Sidewalks & walking
- Paths in hamlet

Initiate a plan to develop:

- recreational trails
- Grants and other
- funding investigated
- start building

Encourage and evaluate bicycle lanes on town, county and state roads

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Town Board will determine the feasibility of and the location of sidewalks, paths and curbs

Town Board will appoint a committee to develop a plan for present and future recreational trails

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## 7.4 PARKS AND RECREATION

### **GOAL:**

Promote use of Town of Bristol diverse recreational opportunities to residents and visitors.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Acknowledge and promote other recreational opportunities.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Promote existing recreational opportunities, such as campgrounds, nature trails, wildlife areas, horse stables, trails and many other opportunities located in the Town of Bristol.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Develop a community network for recreational activities.

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Town Newsletter

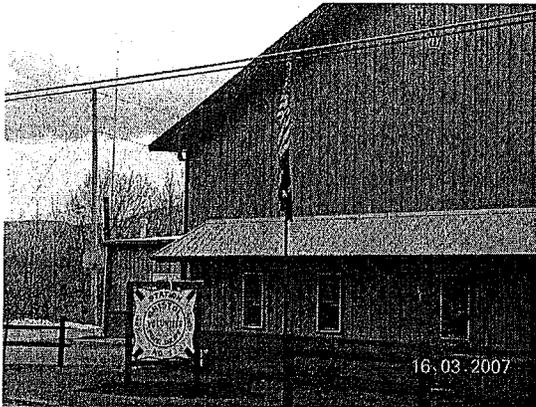
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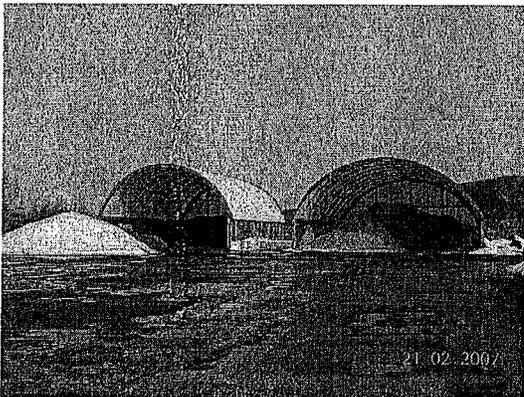
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Use of a community kiosk

## 8.0 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



*Bristol Fire Hall*



*Town of Bristol Garages*



*Town Loader*

The Town of Bristol maintains 73 miles of state, county and town roads. Of these 73 miles, the Town of Bristol Highway Department is solely responsible for the design and construction, as well as maintenance of 49 miles of town roads. A concentrated effort to improve the town's circulation system is deemed essential to help the community plan for growth and change in a more orderly and efficient manner.

It is equally essential that Bristol develop an infrastructure to meet the needs of its residents. Any deficiencies to be addressed will require a cooperative and collaborative effort of all levels of government. It will be the task of local officials to "reach out" to satisfy the needs of our community.

## 8.1 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### **GOAL:**

To provide a transportation system which is safe, efficient, convenient and environmentally responsible.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Develop an appropriate transportation network.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Review Town Road Specifications.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Town Board appoint a committee to inventory current status of all Town roads (construction, use of, future use....)

Annual review of five-year plan

Identify funding sources

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Highway Committee to work with Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer-continue the 5-year highway construction and maintenance plan

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Assistance should be obtained from Ontario County Public Works, Department of Transportation and neighboring municipalities

## 8.2 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### **GOAL:**

To provide a transportation system which is safe, efficient, convenient and environmentally responsible

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Develop an appropriate transportation network.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Review Town, County and State Road/Bridge ownership to determine any jurisdictional realignment needed.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Highway Superintendent shall be informed of and involved in all plans that County and State D.O.T. might envision, i.e., closing of bridges, selling of old road beds

Snow and ice contracts shall be reviewed by Superintendent and Town Board

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Highway Superintendent must maintain communication with Ontario County Highway Association, Ontario County Public Works and State Department of Transportation

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## 8.3 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### **GOAL:**

To improve and expand mass communication media.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Residents and businesses will have available accepted methods of communication, including, but not limited to, Internet, cellular phones, and fiber optics.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Work cooperatively with the County and privately owned business to encircle the county in fiber optic cable.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Active involvement with the Telecommunications Local Development Corporation

Maintain open communication with Time-Warner Cable, Frontier, and other franchising agents

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Supervisor maintain participation with Telecommunications Local Development Corporation

Town Board maintain contractual agreements with covenants requiring annual review

## 8.4 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### **GOAL:**

To introduce public water.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Public water will be available to needed residences and businesses.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Work cooperatively with governmental representatives.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Meet with Public Officials (Town, City, County, State and Federal) to:

- Outline needs
- Seek financial support
- Seek collaboration

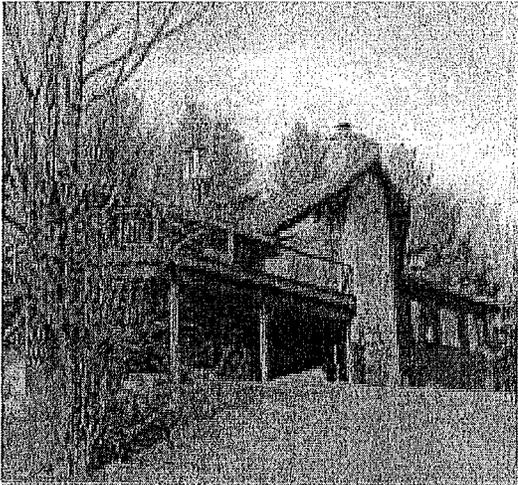
Continually evaluate other areas of needs in the Town

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

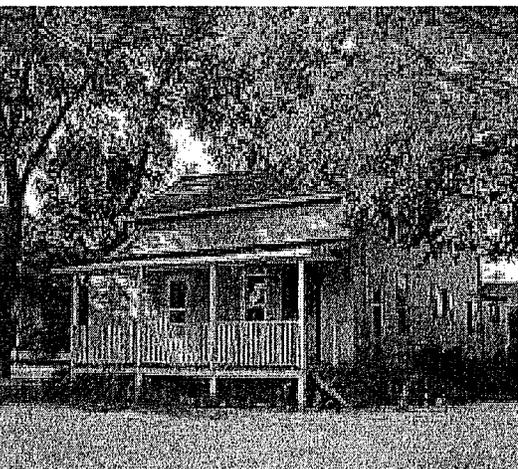
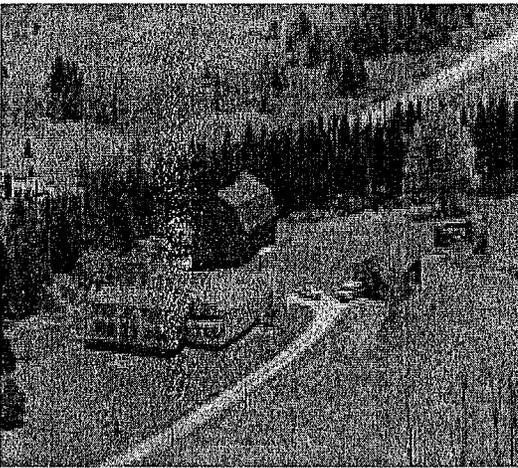
Supervisor will maintain open communication with contiguous municipalities, state & federal legislators, and public servants seeking grants and inter-municipal cooperation

Town Board

## 9.0 HOUSING



If you were to ask residents of the Town of Bristol if we were in need of increased housing development and the corresponding zoning changes, more likely than not they would say “no” or that it wasn’t a high priority. This would not be uncommon in a rural community where citizens relate an increase in housing solely to demands on town resources and land development. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Bristol has experienced a 2.16% population increase over 1990, bringing our town population to 2,421 residents with 910 households. During the period 2000-2005, there have been an additional 47 building permits, which is a 19% residential growth in 5 years. During the same period, Bristol has issued 206 permits for home additions and alterations, increasing the mean home cost to \$120,900. It is too early to determine if this represents an influx in development, but these are trends to be mindful of when considering our future housing needs.



First, and of prime importance, is the development of the Bristol-Canandaigua Water District. It can be expected that housing development will increase within this district and careful planning will be instrumental in maintaining orderly growth.

Secondly, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, 17% of the town’s population is over the age of 55 years. In order to retain this segment of our population, it will be important to encourage alternative housing within our boundaries in the not too distant future.

## 9.1 HOUSING

### **GOAL:**

Identify future trends in housing needs for the community.

### **INTENDED OUTCOME:**

Evaluate and document whether a need for additional housing exists.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Compilation of information.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Document trend in housing growth for the period 1999-2005

Document number of rental units and their description (houses, apartments, number of bedrooms, etc.)

Document ages of Town citizens

Review of all trends and projections of next 10 years

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Numbers of new homes from Code Enforcement Officer  
Price ranges of housing from Town Assessor

Town Assessor

Census Information

County assistance  
Conduct survey to estimate housing needs of residents in Bristol

## 9.2 HOUSING

### **GOAL:**

Conduct a Community Housing Needs Assessment.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Inventory and assessment of existing housing stock, availability and community need.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Conduct a Community Housing Needs Assessment.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Create a volunteer group of local leaders and residents to guide the process

Network with Bishop Sheen, Rural Opportunities and other organizations that can provide guidance and/or technical assistance if a need is identified

Identify existing affordable housing properties that need to be renovated or refurbished

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Town Supervisor to appoint

This would be the responsibility of the group formed

Responsibility of above group with assistance from Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer

Create a Bristol Community Development Corporation to access state, federal and county funding available to non-profits. This committee shall form the corporation and file for tax exemptions

This committee shall plan for their mission goals and organizational structure and elect an initial demonstration project

## 9.3 HOUSING

### **GOAL:**

Create a "Keep Me in My Home or Community" program for Seniors.

### **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Help to keep area seniors safely in their homes as long as they desire.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Coordinate a comprehensive array of services to seniors.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:**

Network with Office For Aging, Bishop Sheen and other relevant organizations to assure that Bristol senior residents receive necessary home-based services, if they desire

Create a referral system with Bristol Ambulance, area doctors and others for identifying and assisting individuals in need.

### **RESOURCES NEEDED:**

Volunteer group to work with Ontario County Office for the Aging, Bishop Sheen, etc. to determine best route to follow

Volunteer group to set up a workable plan

Advertise: County administration of "Blue Light" system, availability of meals-on-wheels, free cell phones for emergencies only (9-1-1)

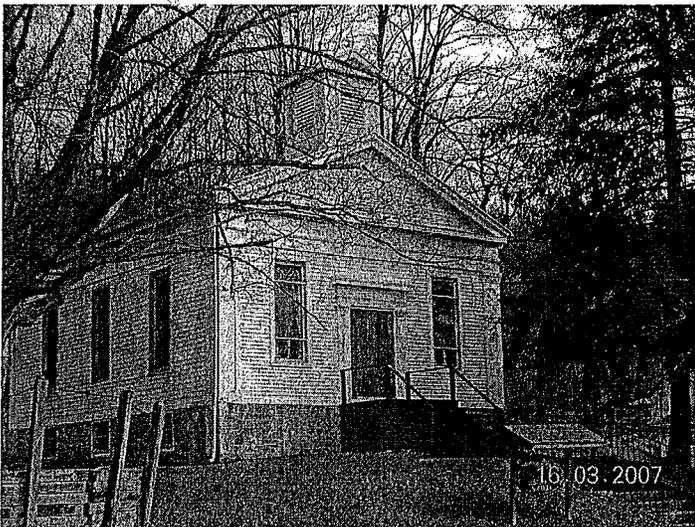
Daily phone call system to ensure safety of seniors

## 10.0 CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

The Comprehensive Plan has been developed to guide the Town of Bristol in the promotion and expansion of our social institutions and to preserve our heritage.

As indicated by the survey results in the fall of 2005, the majority of the responses (70.8%) felt the Town of Bristol has historic resources worth protecting. This survey also reflected, by a majority, that it was worth the Town Government of Bristol to actively involve itself in preserving the historic landmarks of Bristol.

It is the goal of the Comprehensive Plan to implement the various steps through the resources needed to promote and expand the cultural, social and historical preservation of the Town of Bristol.



*Bristol Historical Society*



*Bristol Library*

# 10.1 CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

## **GOAL:**

Encourage the continuation and expansion of our social institutions while preserving and protecting our heritage.

## **INTENDED OUTCOMES:**

Promote and support the cultural, social and historical organizations.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Improve communication of events of the town, resulting in increased participation and community awareness.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS:

Community events calendar on Website

Town Newsletter  
Monthly/Bi-Monthly  
Explore Website development as alternative

Public news releases

Preserve historically significant areas, e.g.,  
Burning Springs

Continue to provide information and artifacts to the Ontario County Historical Society

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Webmaster to gather information, set deadlines, and update Website monthly

Deputy Town Clerk  
Town Supervisor  
Input from Comprehensive Plan Committee and Open House

Input from Town Historian, Historical Society and Community members and groups

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEFINITIONS

Agri-Business Business collectively associated with production, processing and distribution of agricultural products.

Agricultural Lands Lands used for growing and/or production of field crops, livestock and livestock products. (Refer to Article 25AA of the State Agriculture and Markets Law, Sections 300-310.)

Business Incubator A business in its infancy stage devoted to the purchase and/or sale of manufacture of goods.

Cluster Development A development design technique that concentrates buildings in specific areas on a site to allow the remaining land to be used for recreation, common open space, and preservation of environmentally sensitive areas.

Community Character Based upon the common social, economic, political and aesthetic qualities of the given population within the town's political boundaries.

Conservation The act of preserving, guarding, and protecting of natural resources from loss, decay, injury, or destruction to include lands and forests, waters and wetlands, scenic vistas and all natural features, with use and management taken into consideration.

Conservation Easement A legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that limits development of the land in order to protect its conservation values.

Historic Site A structure or place of historic and cultural significance, and designated as such by town, state or federal government.

Infrastructure Fundamental facilities serving the town or a given area (i.e., transportation, communication, roads, power, water).

Open Space Specific areas that should be kept open for natural, scenic, and/or recreational use, altered only to provide safe public access.

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEFINITIONS

Rural Character The unique perception of a rural community, identified by low density minimal development and boasting woodlands, streams, open fields, farmlands, etc.

Scenic Vista An expansive view possessing natural beauty.

Steep Slope A steep slope is a slope of 15% or greater.

Subdivision To divide one parcel of land into two or more separate parcels.

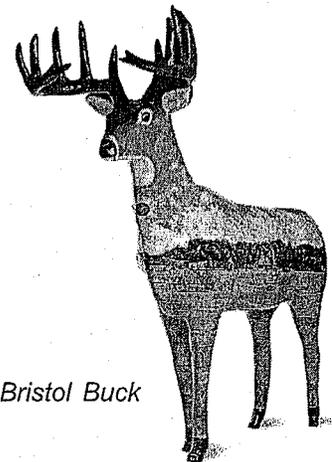
A. Major Subdivision. The subdivision of a parent parcel of land into four (4) or more lots, including the parent parcel.

B. Minor Subdivision. The subdivision of a parent parcel of land into no more than three (3) lots, including the parent parcel.

View Shed See Scenic Vista.

Vista Worker (Volunteers In Service To America) Federal program offering work training programs, work study programs and small business incentives.

W.O.L.C.D.C Western Ontario Local Community Development Corporation. Assists with the establishment and growth of business in the Towns of Bristol, West/East Bloomfield and the Village of Bloomfield.



*Bristol Buck*

