

## **PORTSMOUTH DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN**

### **DRAFT GOALS**

#### **1 – NATURAL RESOURCES**

##### **GOAL NR – 1**

Produce a comprehensive set of programs and policies that guide how we grow our community in a manner which conserves and protects in perpetuity the abundant natural resources that sustain us and enhance our quality of life.

#### **2 - RECREATION**

##### **GOAL R - 1**

Organize a system of high quality well-maintained active recreational facilities and passive recreation areas sufficient to meet the ongoing needs of present and future citizens of Portsmouth.

#### **3 – HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES**

##### **GOAL HRC - 1**

Achieve a self-sustaining level of public awareness in promoting historic and cultural heritage as a vital part of Portsmouth’s community character and quality of life.

##### **GOAL HRC - 2**

Produce an effective set of policies and programs that insure the protection and preservation of Portsmouth’s historic sites, structures & landscapes.

#### **4 – HOUSING**

##### **GOAL H - 1**

Attain a degree of diversity in safe and affordable housing choices that meet the needs of present and future residents of all economic status and household groups.

GOAL H - 2

Guide future housing development that is in character with that of Portsmouth in general and that of individual neighborhoods in particular.

GOAL H - 3

Build a level of community support for affordable housing development that is self-sustaining, all-inclusive and proactive.

GOAL H - 4

Reach the quantitative threshold of Low-Moderate Income (LMI) housing units in Portsmouth as defined by State law.

**5 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

GOAL ED - 1

Achieve a high and growing standard of living for Portsmouth’s citizens and entrepreneurs by empowering a 21st century workforce to match a 21st century economy.

GOAL ED - 2

Direct economic development efforts towards those which promote and enhance Portsmouth’s strengths as a community.

GOAL ED - 3

Focus on the type of economic growth that makes Portsmouth more resilient, self-sufficient and resistant to the impacts of external natural and economic forces.

GOAL ED - 4

Attain a level of business growth that supports a balanced and sustainable tax base without compromising Portsmouth’s natural, historic, architectural and aesthetic character.

GOAL ED - 5

Achieve a level of economic conditions and business climate that increase the competitive advantages of doing business in Portsmouth.

## **6 - AGRICULTURE**

### **GOAL AG – 1**

Achieve a balance of land uses that accommodate non-agricultural development pressure all the while preserving the remaining parcels of land containing prime farmland soils for intensive agricultural uses.

### **GOAL AG – 2**

Reach a point where a framework of programs, policies and initiatives that support and strengthen the agriculture sector as an essential component of Portsmouth’s economic activity have been established and been proven to be effective.

## **7 – SERVICES & FACILITIES**

### **GOAL SF-1**

Deliver cost-effective, high-quality municipal services and ensure that all public facilities are well-maintained.

### **GOAL SF-2**

Protect residents and property by delivering coordinated, cost effective, high-quality fire protection, law enforcement, emergency medical services and emergency disaster response.

### **GOAL SF-3**

Provide students with a consistently superior public education in safe, efficient, well-maintained school buildings and facilities.

## **8 - ENERGY**

### **GOAL E - 1**

Produce a set of programs and policies that call for the efficient use of energy, the development of sustainable energy resources and the utilization of energy-efficient transportation options.

## **9 – WATER SUPPLY**

### **GOAL WS - 1**

Deliver a cost-effective set of programs, policies and cooperative initiatives that protect and preserve both the quality and quantity of Portsmouth’s drinking water supply.

## **10 - TRANSPORTATION**

### **GOAL T - 1**

Deliver a cost-effective network of town-owned and maintained roadways that allows for the safe and efficient circulation of vehicular traffic throughout the Town.

### **GOAL T - 2**

Reach a high level of coordination and cooperation with RIDOT to improve the safety and efficiency of regional and local traffic circulation on State-owned roads within the borders of Portsmouth.

### **GOAL T - 3**

Achieve a well-balanced multi-modal transportation system that reduces automobile dependency and is appropriately designed to produce safe and accessible facilities for all residents.

## **11 – NATURAL HAZARDS & CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **GOAL NH/CC - 1**

Achieve a level of economic, societal and ecological resilience in our built and natural environment that enables Portsmouth to recover quickly from the effects of natural hazards and climate change and minimizes long-term community disruption.

## **12 – LAND USE**

**GOAL LU - 1** - Achieve a balanced, orderly and harmonious land use pattern that preserves historic and cultural resources, supports economic stability, maintains neighborhood integrity and protects the quality of our natural environment.