



TOWN OF  
**NORTH KINGSTOWN**  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2019  
10-YEAR RE-WRITE



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# APPENDIX

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## 1. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

POPULATION PROJECTION <sup>1</sup>	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
North Kingstown	27,004	27,583	28,063	28,390	28,530

RACE	POPULATION <sup>4</sup>	% OF POPULATION
White	24,619	93.4%
Black or African American	380	1.4%
American Indian & Alaskan Native	38	0.1%
Asian	818	3.1%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	147	0.6%
Two or More Races	352	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,354</b>	

ETHNICITY	POPULATION <sup>4</sup>	% OF POPULATION
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	665	2.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	25,689	97.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,354</b>	

HOUSEHOLD INCOME (MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$80,530 <sup>3</sup> )	HOUSEHOLDS <sup>2</sup>	% OF HOUSEHOLDS
Less than \$10,000	396	3.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	294	2.9%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	804	7.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	583	5.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	994	9.6%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,725	16.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,473	14.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,966	19.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,133	11.0%
\$200,000 or more	946	9.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,314</b>	

<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>	<b>POPULATION 25-YEARS &amp; OLDER<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>% OF POPULATION 25-YEARS &amp; OLDER</b>
Less than 9th grade	259	1.4%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	754	4.2%
High School Diploma or GED Equivalency	3,493	19.4%
Completed Some College	2,923	16.2%
Associate Degree	1,552	8.6%
Bachelor's Degree	5,471	30.3%
Master's Degree	2,588	14.4%
Professional Degree	526	2.9%
Doctorate Degree	463	2.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,029</b>	

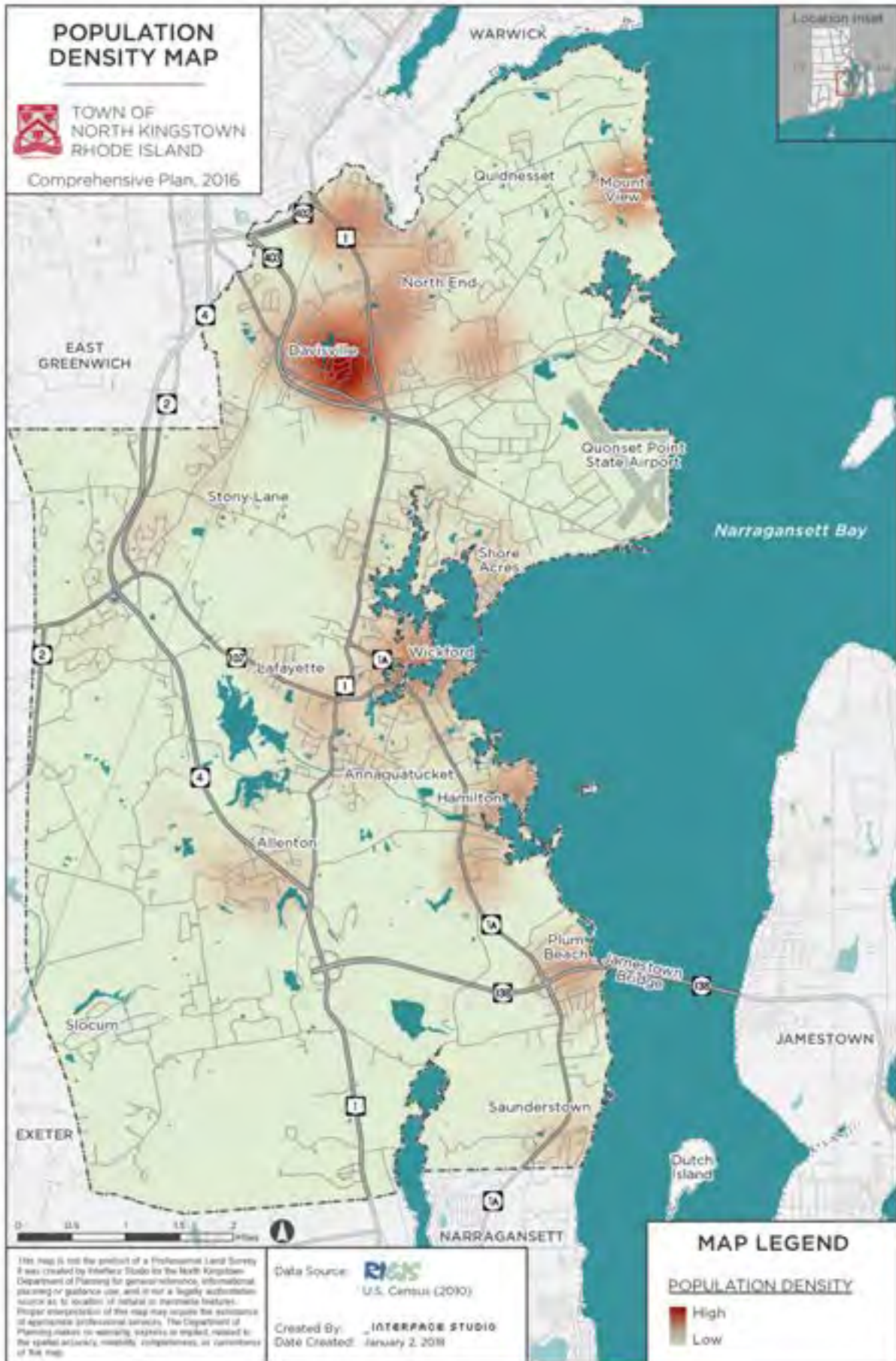
<b>AGE</b>	<b>POPULATION<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>% OF POPULATION</b>
Under 5 years	1,226	4.7%
5 to 9 years	1,674	6.4%
10 to 14 years	1,867	7.1%
15 to 19 years	1,897	7.2%
20 to 24 years	1,661	6.3%
25 to 34 years	2,321	8.8%
35 to 44 years	3,313	12.6%
45 to 54 years	4,649	17.6%
55 to 59 years	2,043	7.8%
60 to 64 years	1,920	7.3%
65 to 74 years	2,267	8.6%
75 to 84 years	1,015	3.9%
85 years & over	501	1.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,354</b>	

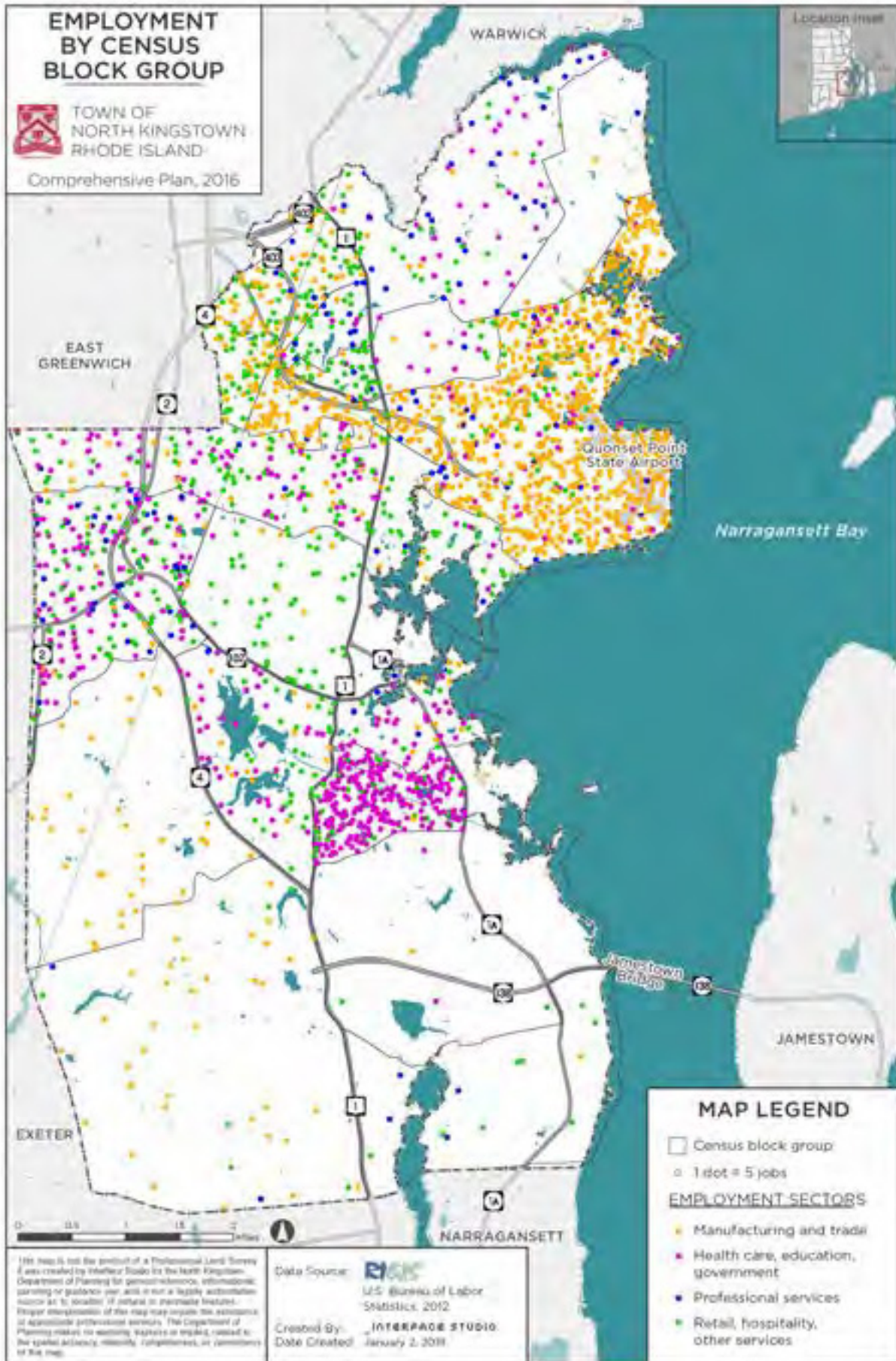
<sup>1</sup> RI SPP 20-year population projections, available at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/popprojections.php>

<sup>2</sup> 2013 ACS DP03

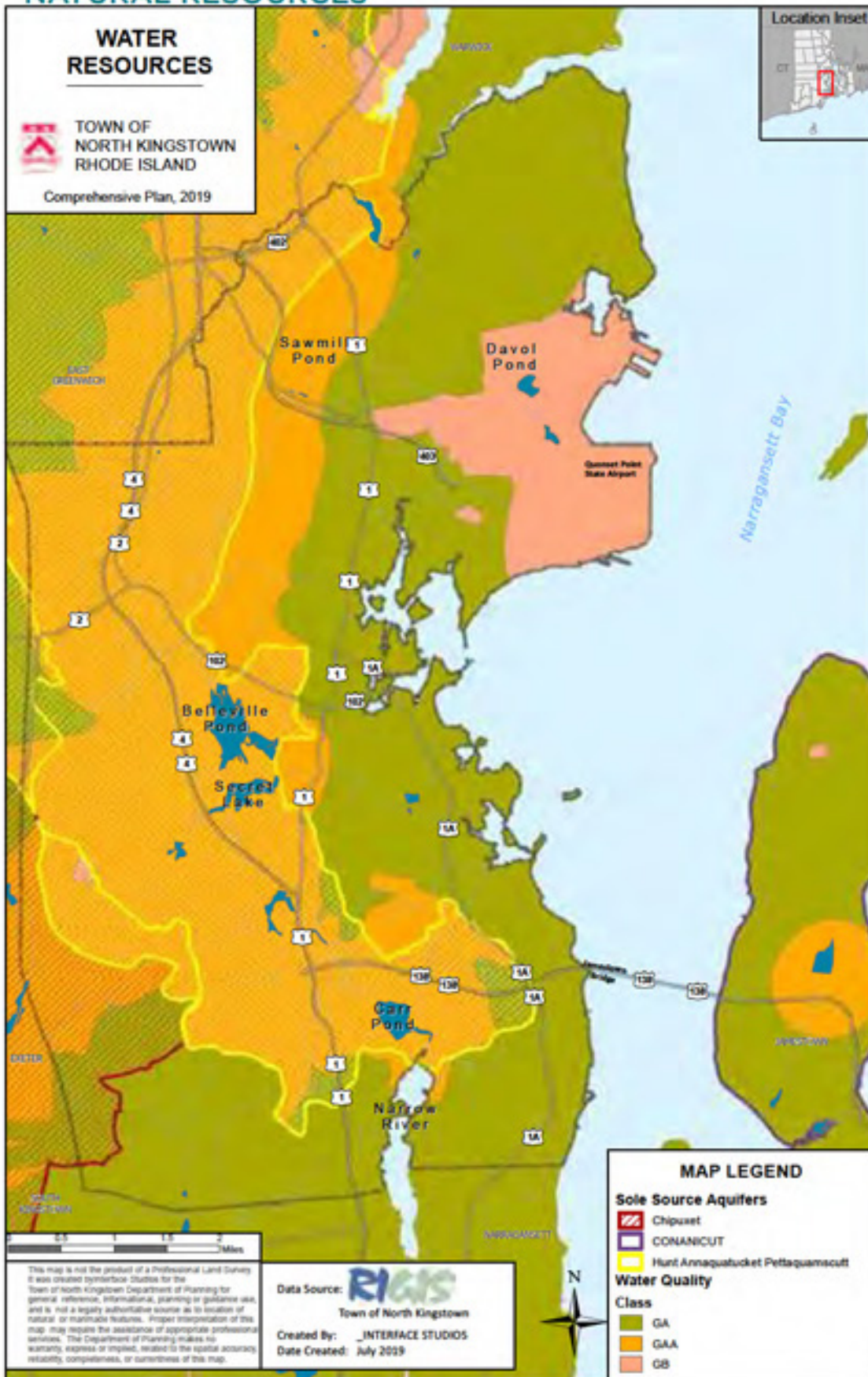
<sup>3</sup> 2013 ACS B15003

<sup>4</sup> 2013 ACS DP05





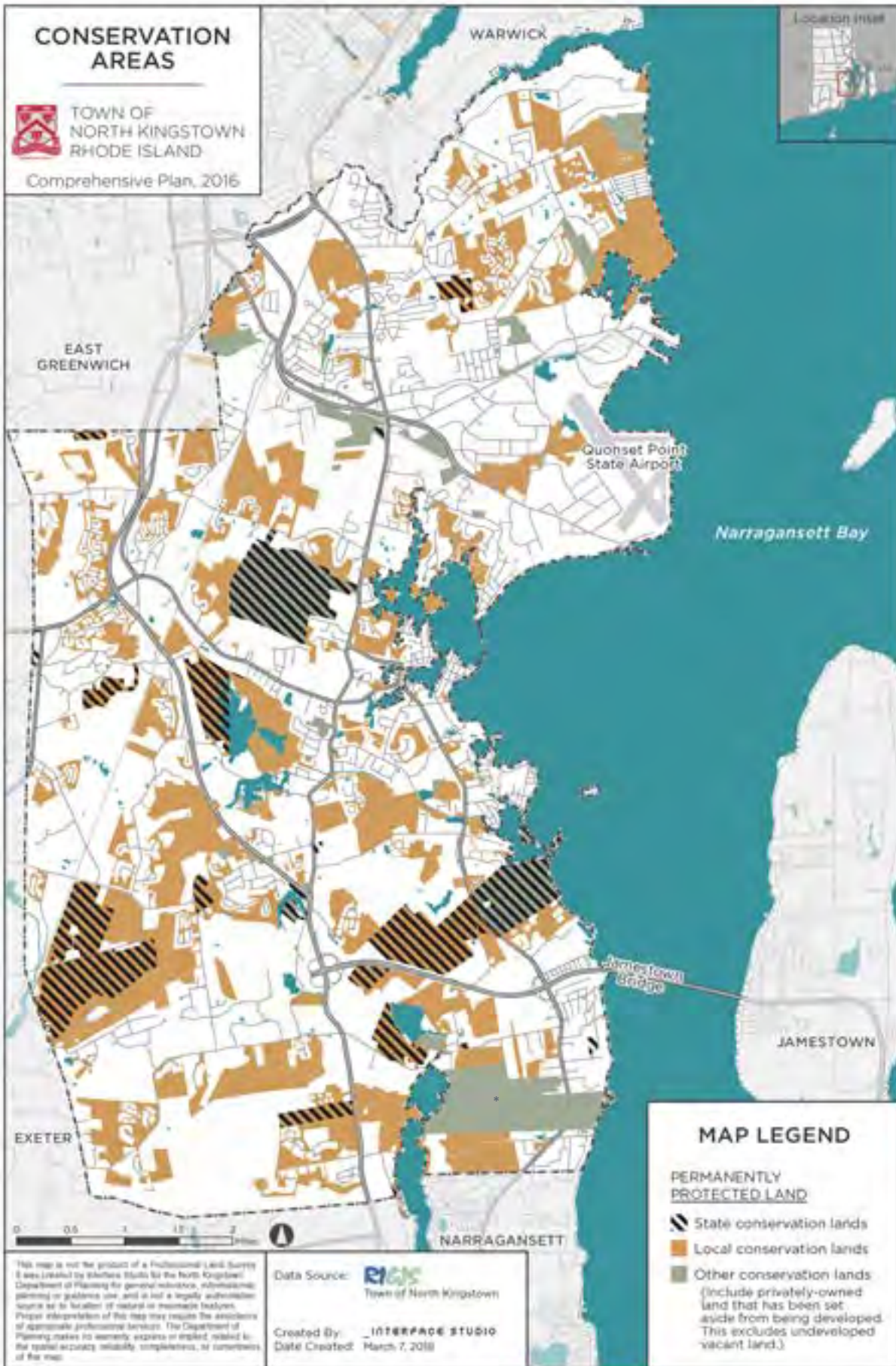
## 2. NATURAL RESOURCES





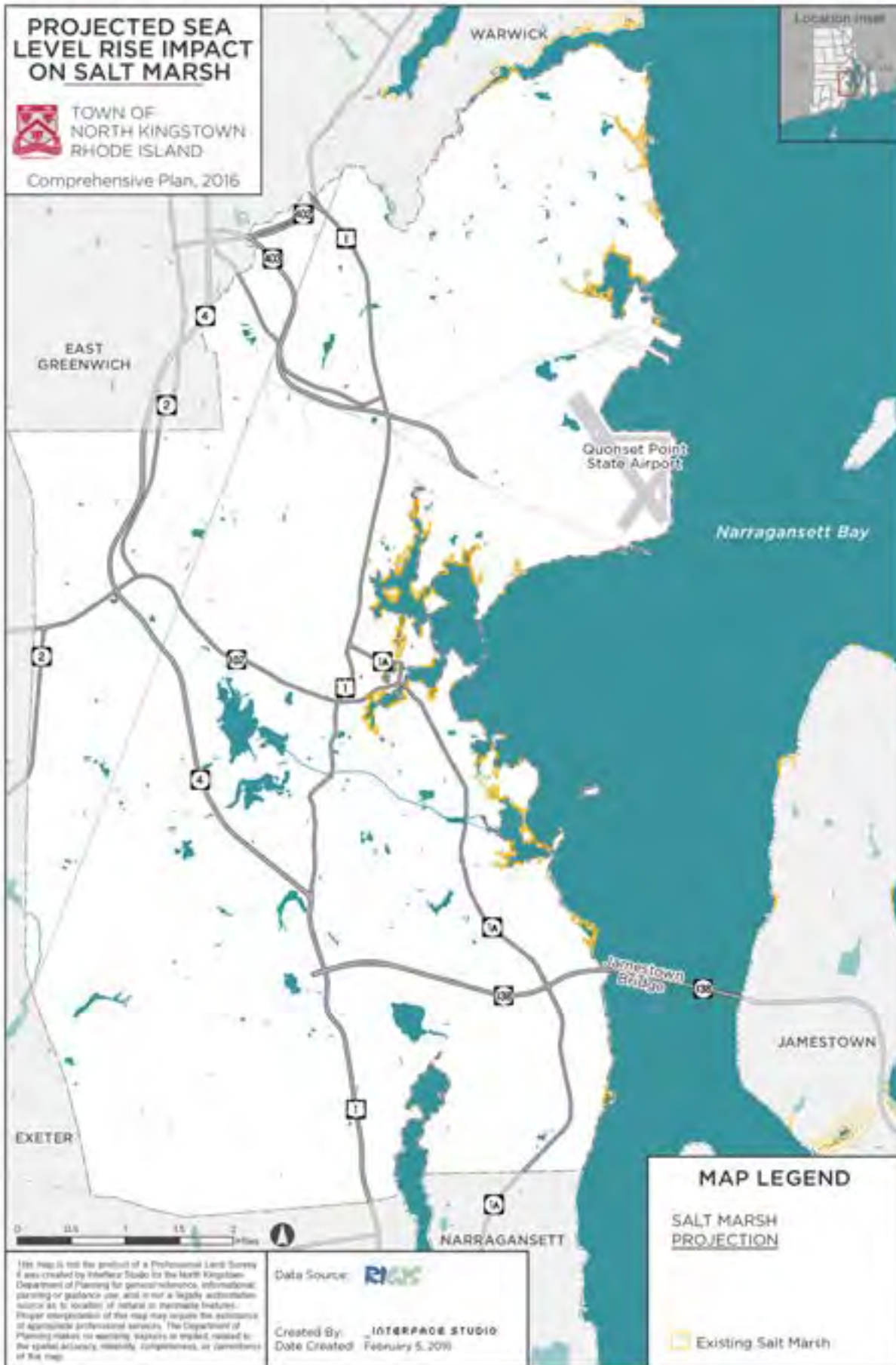


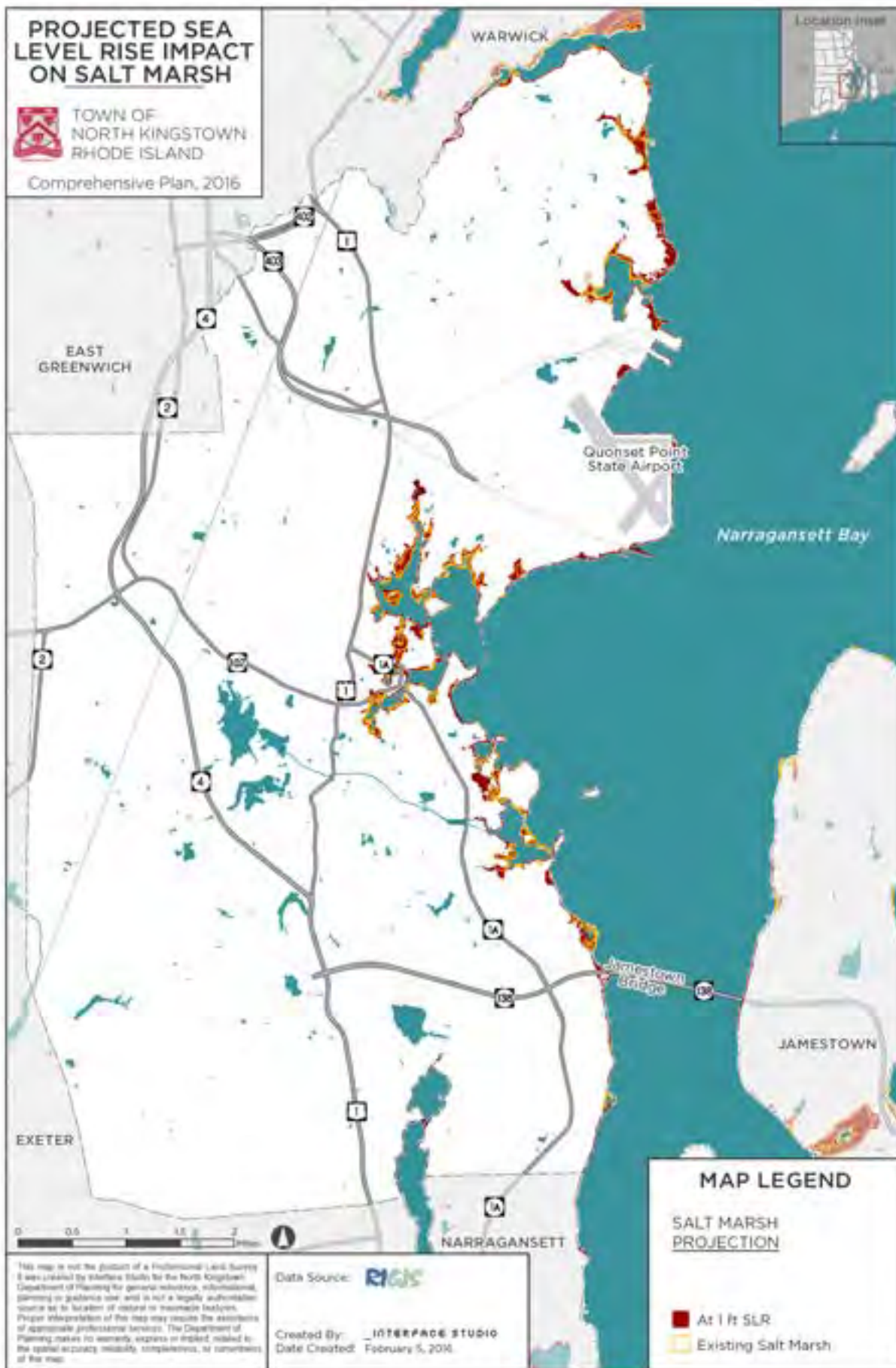


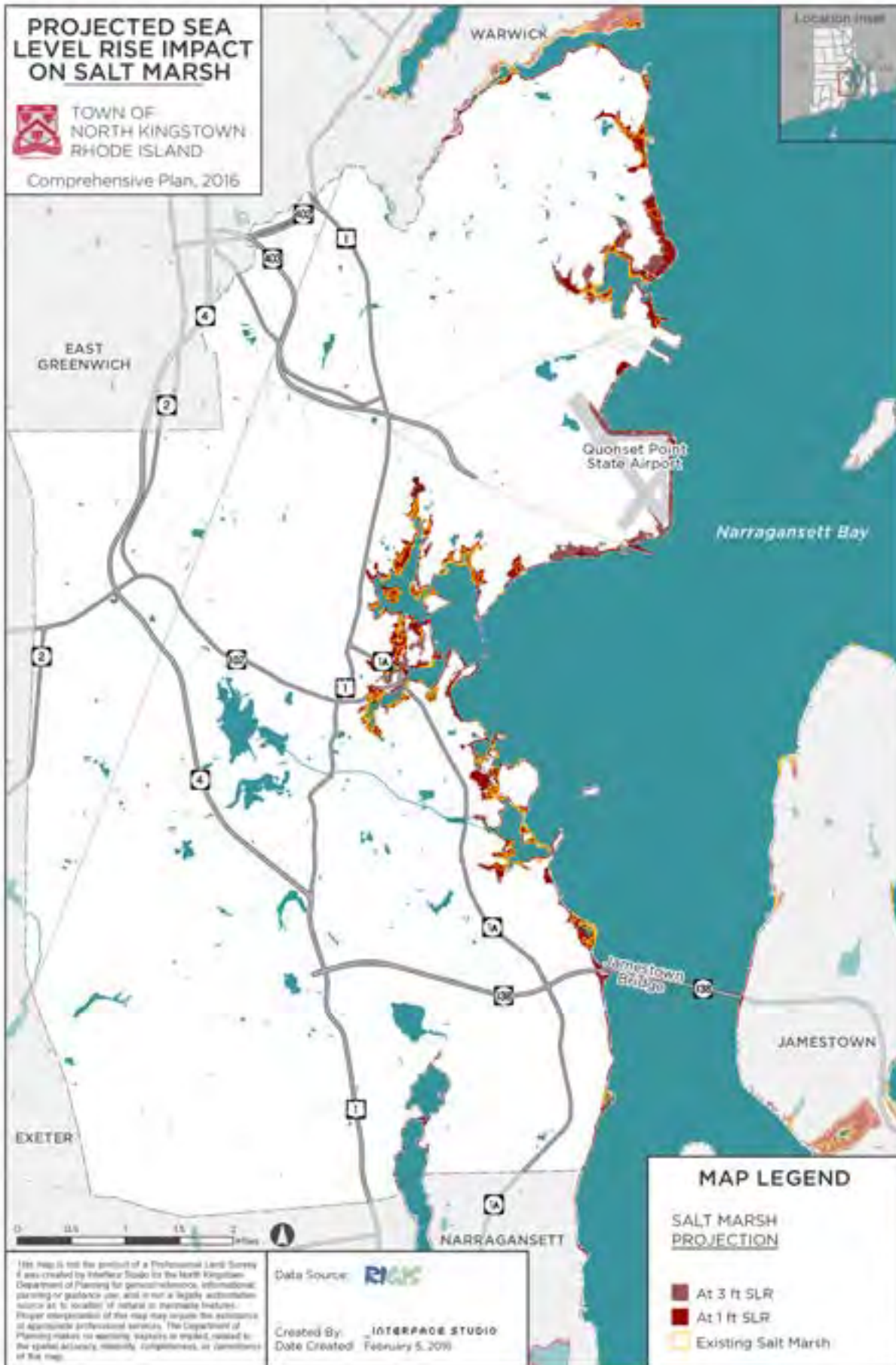


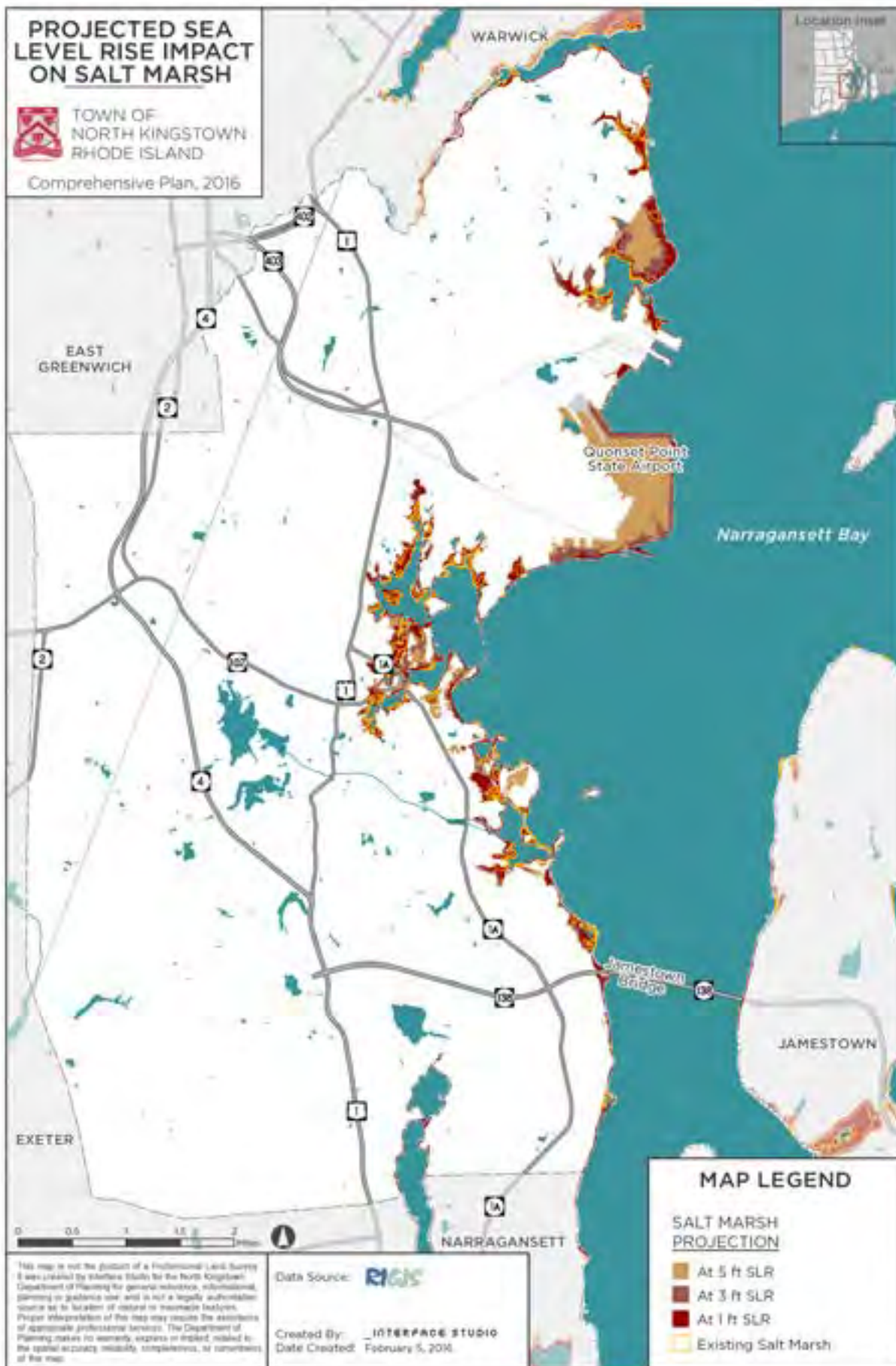
This map shows permanently protected conservation areas by ownership.

\*Casey Farm is owned by Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

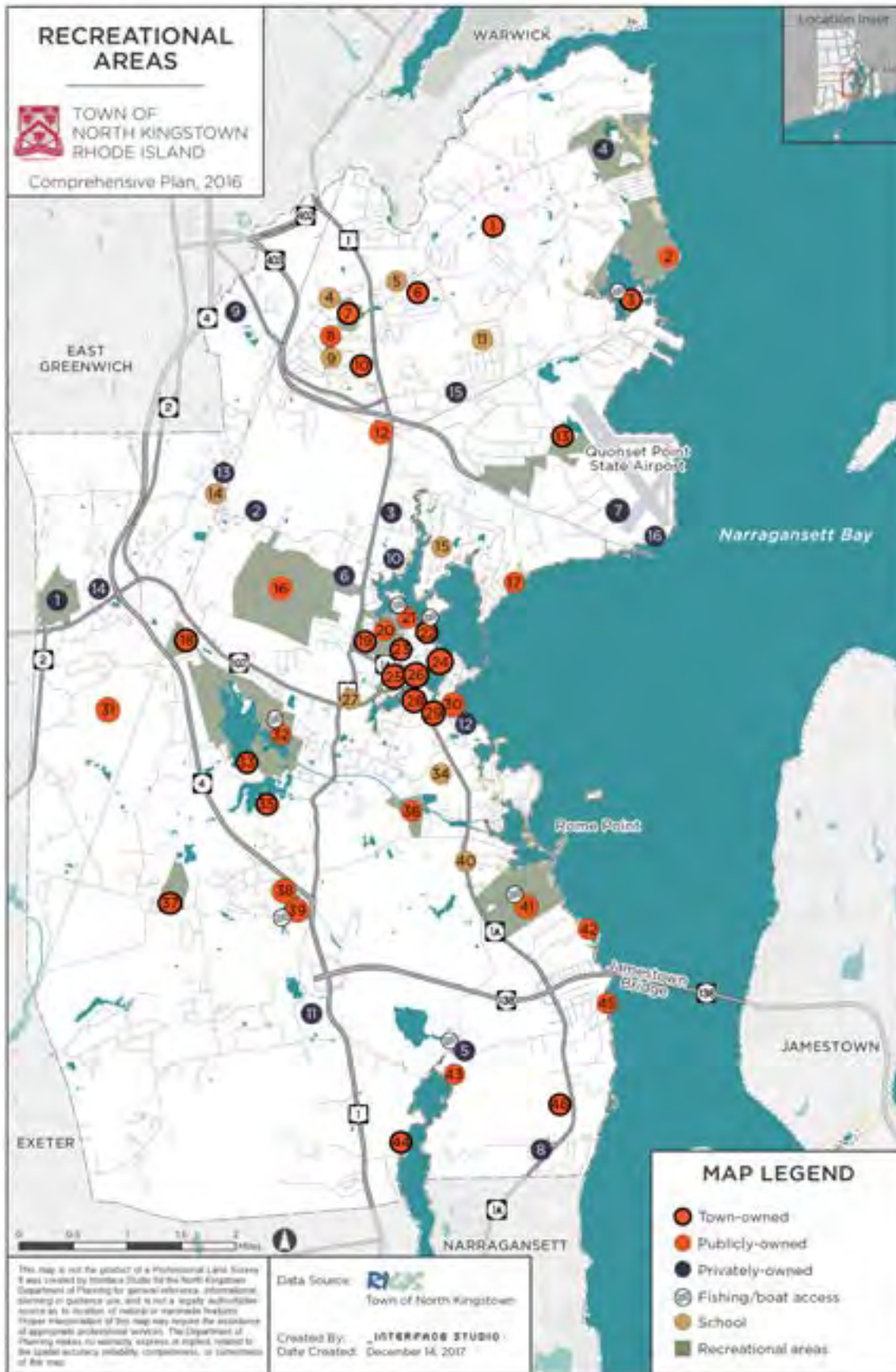


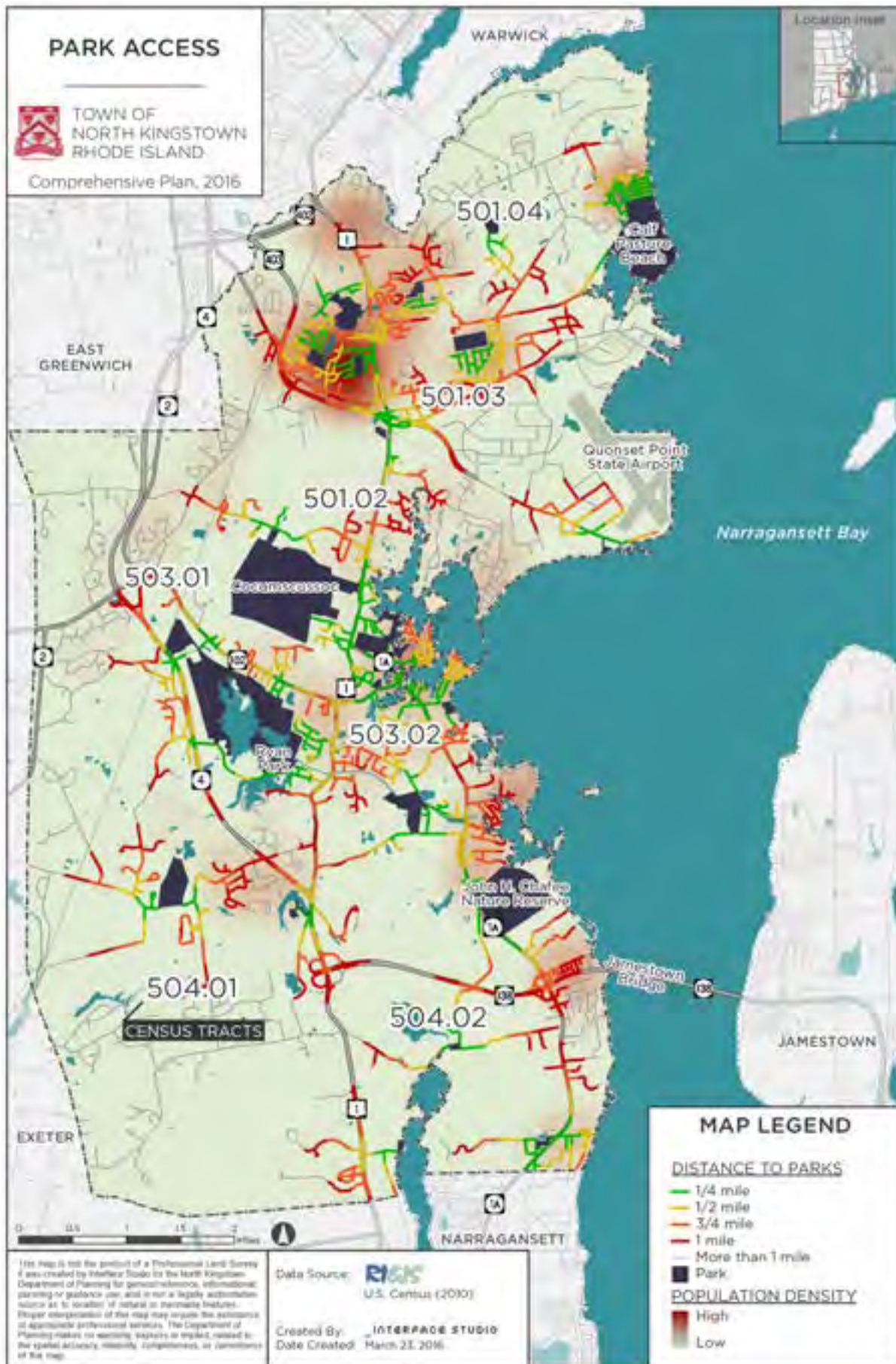






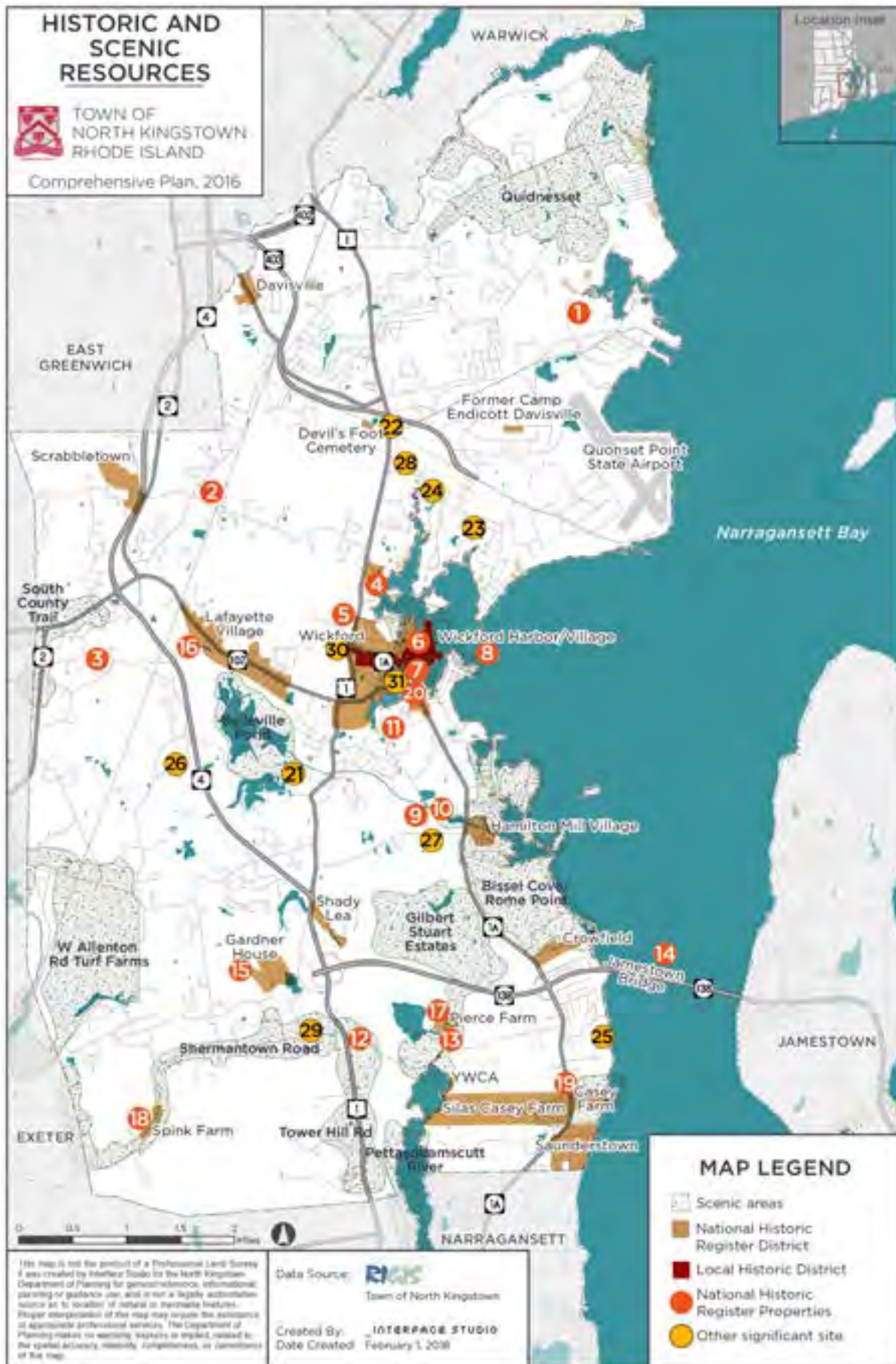
### 3. RECREATION







## 4. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES



## **PUBLIC RECREATIONAL AREAS and SCHOOLS**

- 1 Signal Rock Playground
- 2 Calf Pasture Point
- 3 Allen Harbor
- 4 Davisville Middle School
- 5 Forest Park Elementary School
- 6 Forest Park
- 7 McGinn Park
- 8 Sawmill Pond
- 9 Davisville Elementary
- 10 Yorktown Park
- 11 Quidnessett School
- 12 Devil's Foot Rock
- 13 Municipal Golf Course
- 14 Stony Lane School
- 15 Fishing Cove Elementary School
- 16 Cocumscussoc Park
- 17 Blue Beach
- 18 Feurer Park
- 19 Wilson Park
- 20 Long Point
- 21 North Kingstown Town Boat Launch
- 22 Pleasant St. Boat Launch & Ramp
- 23 Bush Hill Marsh
- 24 Town Wharf
- 25 Updike Park
- 26 Town Dock Park
- 27 Wickford Middle School
- 28 Town Hall Memorial Park
- 29 Senior Center
- 30 Town Beach
- 31 Lafayette Trout Hatchery
- 32 Belleville Pond
- 33 Ryan Park
- 34 North Kingstown High School
- 35 Secret Lake
- 36 Green Conservation Area
- 37 Donald Down's Park
- 38 Shady Lea
- 39 Silver Spring Lake Fishing Area
- 40 Hamilton Elementary School
- 41 John H Chaffee Rome Point Preserve
- 42 Greene Point
- 43 Pettasquamscutt Pond
- 44 Laforge Point Park
- 45 Plum Beach
- 46 Rolling Rock

## **PRIVATE RECREATIONAL AREAS**

- 1 Rolling Greens Golf Course
- 2 Ocean State Soccer
- 3 YMCA
- 4 Quidnessett Country Club
- 5 Gilbert Stuart Birthplace
- 6 Cocumscussoc Brook Preserve
- 7 Quonset Air Museum
- 8 Casey Farm
- 9 Davis Memorial Wildlife Refuge
- 10 Smith's Castle
- 11 Isabel Stearns Wildlife Refuge
- 12 Wickford Art Association
- 13 Kings Crossing Golf Club
- 14 Narragansett Bow Hunters
- 15 Wide World of Indoor Sports
- 16 Quonset Point

## 5. HOUSING

- Existing Housing Conditions

**Number of existing housing units:**

11,226<sup>5</sup>

**Relative trend in housing development since 2000:**

Increase of 483 units<sup>6</sup>

**Occupied Housing Units:**

10,314 or 91.9% of total housing units<sup>5</sup>

**Vacant housing units:**

912 or 8.1% of total housing units<sup>5</sup>

**Year-round housing units:**

10,953 or 97.6% of total housing units<sup>13</sup> (footnote 13 is on p 14)

**Seasonal housing units:**

371 or 3.3% of total housing units<sup>7</sup>

**Single-family housing units:**

8,508 or 75.8% of occupied housing units<sup>5</sup>

**Multi-family housing units:**

2,495 or 22.2% of occupied housing units<sup>5</sup>

**Other types of housing units:**

223 or 2.0% of occupied housing units<sup>5</sup>

**Owner-occupied housing units:**

7,734 or 75.0% of occupied housing units<sup>5</sup>

**Rental housing units:**

2,580 or 25.0% of occupied housing unit<sup>5</sup>

**Median age of housing units:**

46 years<sup>8</sup>; Median year built is 1969<sup>8</sup>

- Number of single-family and multi-family units constructed each year for the past 10 or more years

UNITS IN STRUCTURE	NUMBER OF UNITS		CHANGE	PERCENT OF UNITS
	( 2000 <sup>9</sup> )	( 2013 <sup>5</sup> )		
1-unit, detached	7775	8,034	259	72%
1-unit, attached	436	474	38	4%
2 units	863	957	94	8%
3 or 4 units	455	677	222	4%
5 to 9 units	313	311	-2	3%
10-19 units	321	266	-55	3%
20 or more units	322	284	-38	3%
Mobile home	258	223	-35	2%
TOTAL Units	10,743	11,226	483	

<sup>5</sup> 2013 ACS DP04

<sup>6</sup> 2000 Census H001

<sup>7</sup> 2010 Census DP-1 and 2013 ACS DP04; percent of seasonal housing units from 2010 Census (31.8%) applied to 2013 ACS total housing unit figure

<sup>8</sup> 2013 ACS B25035

<sup>9</sup> 2000 ACS DP-4

- The current median home sale price, and the general trend in home sales prices over the past 10 or more years;

YEAR	2000	2005	2010	2015
<b>MEDIAN SALES PRICE<sup>10</sup></b>	\$219,900	\$415,000	\$304,505	\$315,000

- The median monthly rental price for one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom rental units<sup>11</sup>

YEAR	1 BEDROOM UNIT (\$)	2 BEDROOM UNIT (\$)	3 BEDROOM UNIT (\$)
2014	927	1,333	1,786
2013	961	1,204	1,501
2012	1,051	1,271	1,352
2011	923	1,175	1,655
2010	955	1,256	1,733
2009	983	1,209	1,664
2008	1,129	1,216	1,595
2007	1,001	1,181	1,358
2006	968	1,264	1,546
2005	993	1,254	1,671

- Existing Housing Affordability<sup>12</sup>

**Number of households within the community that are housing cost-burdened:**

3,259 or 31.4% of total households

**Number of households within the community that are severely housing cost-burdened:**

1,279 or 12.3% of total households

**Number of LMI households that are housing cost-burdened:**

1,815 or 65.9% of total LMI households

**Number of LMI households that are severely housing cost-burdened:**

1,085 or 39.4% of total LMI households

**Number of cost-burdened LMI households that are currently renting:**

874 or 48.2% of total LMI cost-burdened households

**Number of cost-burdened LMI households that own their home:**

935 or 51.5% of total LMI cost-burdened households

<sup>10</sup> Home Sales statistics from riving.com

<sup>11</sup> 2-bedroom rent statistics from HousingWorks RI; all others from Rhode Island Housing rent survey

<sup>12</sup> 2012 American Housing Survey (AHS), queried at [http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/data\\_querytool\\_chas.html](http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/data_querytool_chas.html)

- Assessment of Existing and Future Housing Needs<sup>13</sup>

<b>EXISTING HOUSING UNITS IN NORTH KINGSTOWN</b>	
Number of housing units	11,226
Number of year-round housing units	10,953
Housing units that qualify as affordable	889
Percent of housing units that qualify as affordable	8.1%
Additional housing units necessary to meet the 10% threshold	206
<b>FUTURE HOUSING UNITS IN NORTH KINGSTOWN AT 20 YEAR BUILD-OUT</b>	
Number of new year-round housing units expected	700
Total number of year-round housing units	11,653
Additional housing units necessary to meet the 10% threshold	276
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION BY STRATEGY:</b>	
Comprehensive permitting	84
Inclusionary units from new development (not including units produced through Wickford Junction TDR)	165
Rehabilitation of existing units	28
Total additional affordable housing units	277
<b>FUTURE HOUSING UNITS IN NORTH KINGSTOWN AT FULL BUILD-OUT</b>	
Number of new year-round housing units expected	1,757
Total number of year-round housing units	12,710
Anticipated year of full build out	2067

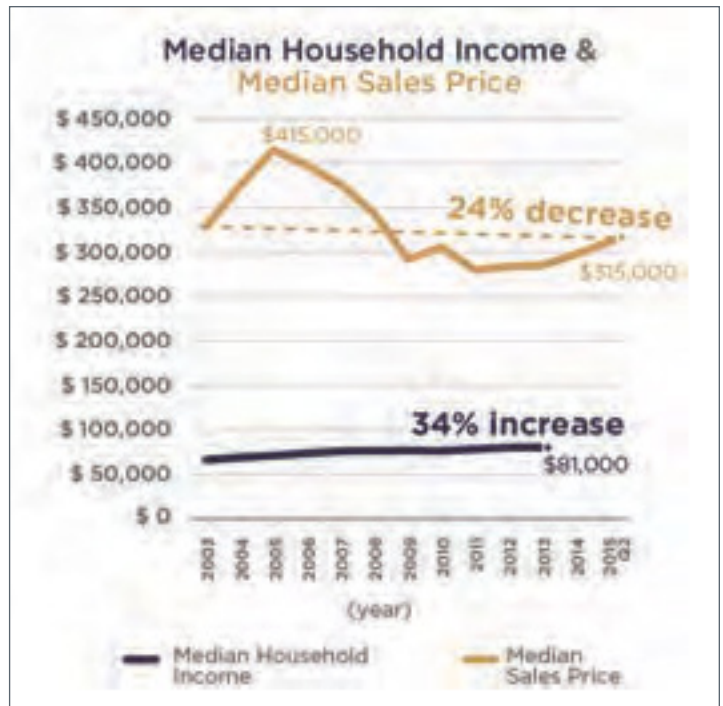
Calculated based on the past trend, which indicates that 483 housing units increased from 2000 to 2013<sup>14</sup>. Since 483 units over 14-year-period is approximately 35 units per year, 700 is the number of housing units achieved in 20 years under the assumption that the trend will continue in the future. This is affirmed by the Market Study (2014) stating that the town will have about 500-1600 more housing units at the end of 20-year-period.

<sup>13</sup> HousingWorks RI

<sup>14</sup> Analyzed by using US Census Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics from both 2000 Census and ACS 2013, 5-year-estimate

- Relationship of Housing Price (both sales and rental) to Household Income over the past 10 or more years<sup>15</sup>;

Median household income has increased 34% over the past 10 years while the median housing sales price decreased 24%. The median rental housing price remained somewhat steady as it only experienced 3% increase from 2005 to 2014.



<sup>15</sup> 2000 Census, ACS 2013 5-year-estimate, ACS 2007 3-year-estimate, RI Realtors Association, National Association of Realtors, and Rhode Island Housing Rent Survey

- **Affordable Housing Strategies**

North Kingstown continues to mandate and incentivize affordable housing creation through our zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations. The town mandates inclusionary zoning of 10% in any development creating five new dwelling units. Off site locations can be used to satisfy the inclusionary requirement. Since the town wishes to ensure that affordable units are completed as part of a project, we do not provide for a fee in lieu as there are concerns that the municipality did not have the capacity to manage such construction in a timely manner.

According to Rhode Island Housing Tabulation, North Kingstown has 207 low and moderate-income units to meet the needs of the elderly population, 556 units low and moderate-income housing to meet the needs of the family population, and 120 units to meet the population with special needs. The majority of the town's affordable units are rental.

The town's special districts require additional affordable housing. These districts include Post Road, Compact Village Development, and Wickford Junction. The Wickford Junction district was approved in January 2014. The district has an underlying density of one unit per two acres but allows a developer to obtain 30 units per acre with the use of transfer of development rights (TDRs). The district requires a minimum of 15% affordable housing. Off site locations can be used to satisfy this requirement. Affordable units that make up less than 20% of the units of a development in this district are "free" to a developer as they do not require purchasing development rights, which is required of all market rate units over the underlying two acre zoning. In the Post Road district, a developer is required to include 10% affordable housing if proposing four units per acre or under. If the developer proposes a density of 10 units per acre, he is required to include 20% affordable housing. If the developer proposes 30 units per acre, he is required to use TDRs and 15% affordable housing. North Kingstown has not yet seen any affordable housing produced in conjunction with the transfer and purchase of development rights. The town is analyzing the merits of these requirements in relation to the needs of the housing market and may propose alternative incentives to ensure we continue to provide housing that meets the needs of each population.

North Kingstown has added a number of affordable units through the comprehensive permit process established under RIGL 45-23. There are currently 84 housing units (36 senior rental, 38 family rental, 10 owner occupied) of affordable housing identified within the Rhode Island Housing Low and Moderate Income Homes tabulation that were permitted through this process. The town has one rental unit permitted as a comprehensive permit under construction which will also qualify as an affordable unit once it receives its certificate of occupancy.

In addition, North Kingstown allows for accessory units through the special use permit process. The sale price of the unit is not restricted; therefore, these units do not qualify as affordable via the state law. The units are affordable due to the limitations in size. Accessory units must be under the same ownership as the primary unit on the site. The units can be rented to the general public and assist us in providing housing to the rental, elderly, special needs, and other similar populations looking for smaller accommodations. Many times these units also offer social assistance due to the interaction of the primary homeowner and the accessory unit occupant.

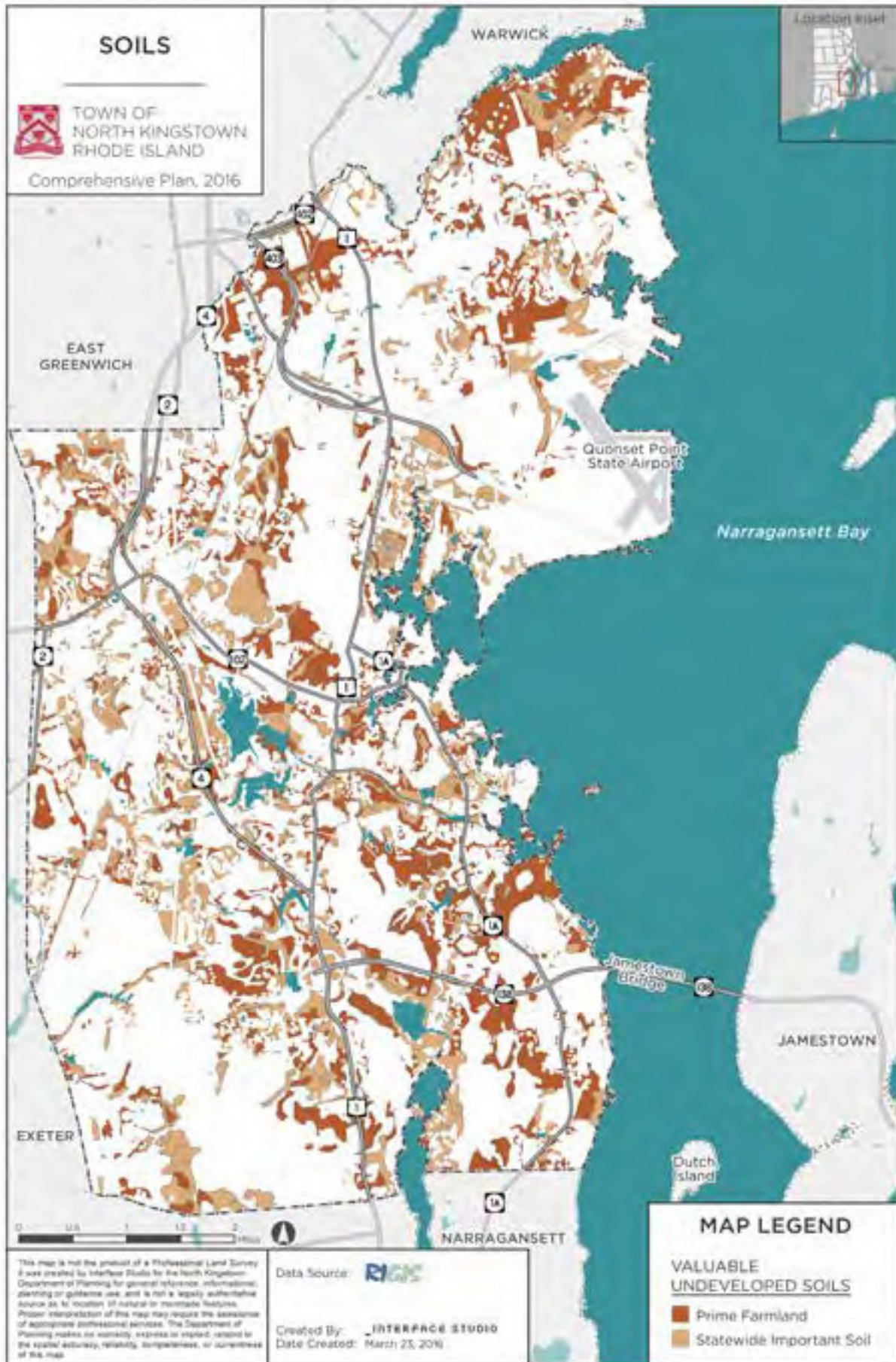
In May 2014, North Kingstown adopted an adaptive apartment ordinance, with the intent of providing opportunities for unpermitted apartments to be brought into compliance and to gain affordable housing within the town. In addition to obtaining proper building permits, a dwelling that does not qualify as a lawful nonconforming use or structure may be granted a special use permit for occupancy as an adaptive apartment unit if in compliance with specific development standards including that the unit must be made subject to a land lease and/or deed restriction which assures for at least 99 years that:

- The units shall be affordable to households having an income of no more than 120 percent of the area median income (AMI), as specified in G.L. 42-128-8.1(d)-1;
- Occupant households or individuals shall have incomes not exceeding that same level;
- The units shall be offered through a marketing, tenant selection and monitoring plan that meets local preferences and state and federal fair housing requirements.
- The 99 year deed restriction shall reset and begin as a new 99 year deed restriction at the time of the sale of the unit or property.

North Kingstown also has a rehabilitation program financed with the assistance of the Rhode Island CDBG set-aside for housing rehabilitation. This program allows qualifying homeowners to obtain no- or low -interest loans to make improvements to their homes. This program helps those with low incomes continue to live in their homes while providing the opportunity for improvements to ensure minimum housing standards are met. In recent cases, the town has conditioned use of this assistance program with the requirement of an affordability deed restriction.



## 6. AGRICULTURE



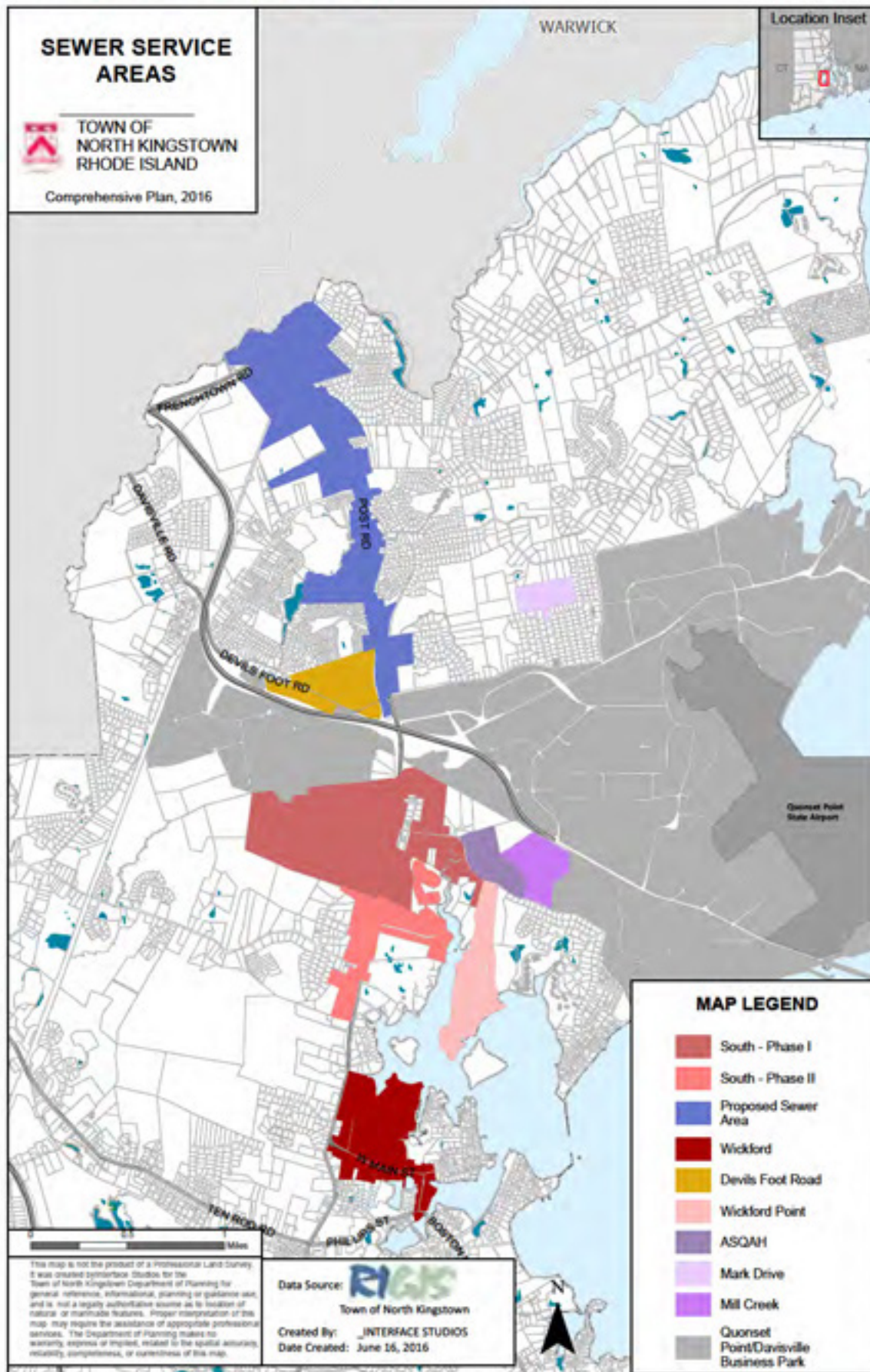
- Existing Agricultural Operations

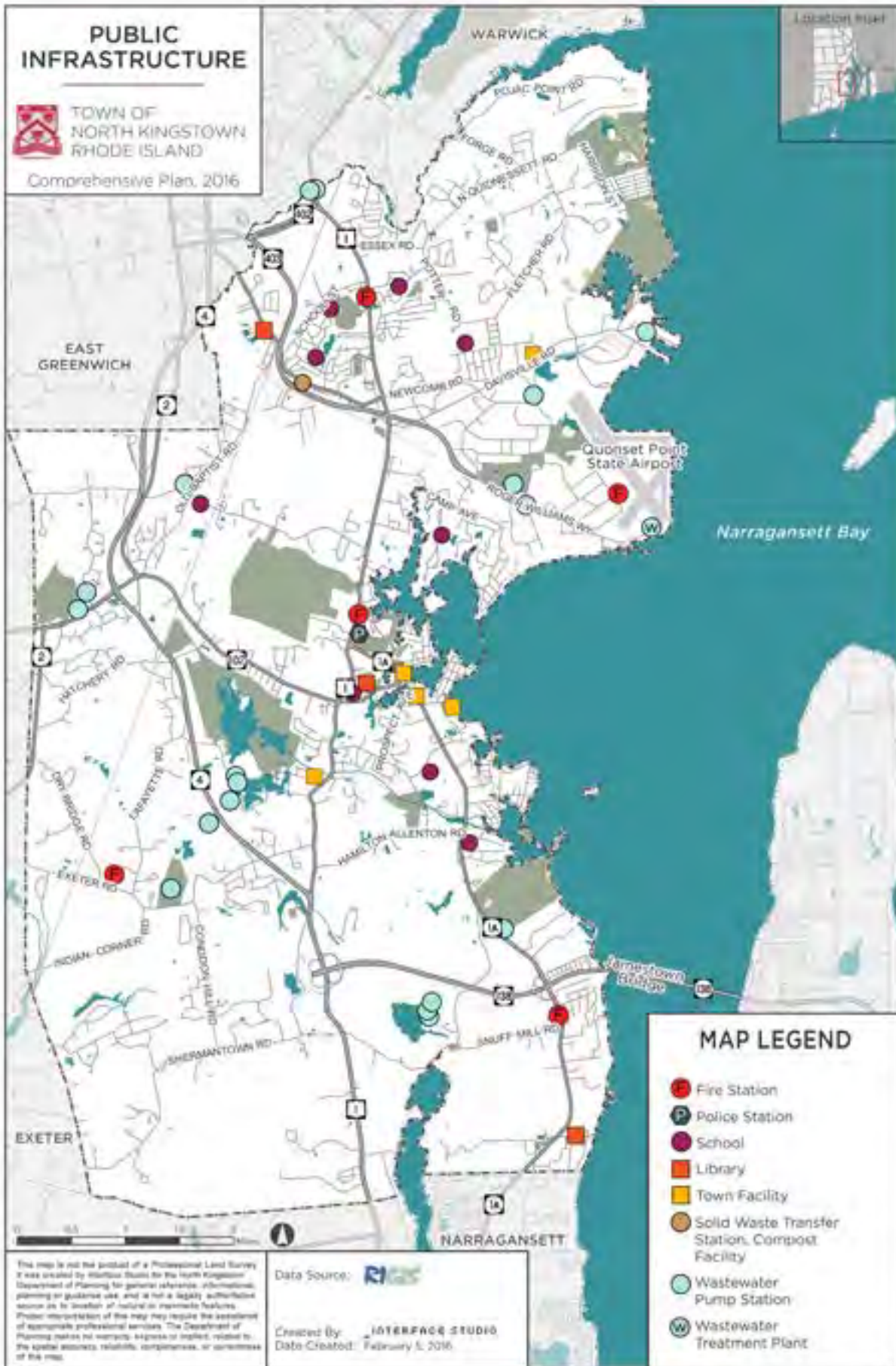
<b><sup>16</sup>FARMS IN NORTH KINGSTOWN</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Parcel Information (If applicable)</b>
Baby Greens	686 Hamilton Allenton Road	AP 63 Lot 17
Carter Turf Farm*	Congdon Hill Road	AP 53 Lot 4
Casey Farm (CSA, Farm animals)	Boston Neck Road	
Delvecchio Farm* (Blueberries, Beef, Hay)	302 Potter Road	AP 55 Lot 1
Freeborn Farm*	West Allenton Road	AP 60 Lot 2 & 86
Hallene Farm (Fruits and Vegetables)	621 South County Trail	AP 79 Lot 11
Healy's Farm** (Fruits, Vegetables, Christmas trees)	1100 Lafayette Road	AP 83 Lot 4
McCormick and Wojnar (Vegetables and Herbs)	2065 Boston Neck Road	AP 20 Lot 22
Morning Star Farm* (Equestrian and Hydroponic lettuce)	2415 Tower Hill Road	AP 14 Lot 1
Narrow Lane Orchard (Apples, Peaches, Blackberries)	213 Narrow Lane	AP 127 Lot 27
300 Fletcher Road	300 Fletcher Road	
Phillips Farm-Idle*	299 Davisville Road	
Reynold's Barn (Goat's milk products, Breads, Herbs, Vegetables, Eggs)	1240 Tower Hill Road	AP 63 Lot 9
Robin Hollow Farm (Flowers)	1057 Gilbert Stuart Road	AP 38 Lot 2
Schartner Farms (Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers) - Owns multiple parcels	South County Trail	AP 106 Lot 16 & 17, AP 103 Lot 10, and AP 106 Lot 1
	Exeter Road	AP 59 Lot 2 & 3, AP 78 Lot 1
	Indian Corner Road*	AP 59 Lot 2
Smith's Berry Farm*	320 Shermantown Road	AP 23 Lot 5
SODCO* (Turf) - Several Lots	Slocum Road	AP 57 Lot 23, AP 56 Lot 1 and more
Tockwotton Farm (Fruits, Vegetables)	445 North Quidnessett Road	AP 161 Lot 1
Elizabeth Viall Farm*	Gilbert Stuart Road	AP 64 Lot 1,2, & 5, AP 47 Lot 2 & 3, and AP 66 Lot 3

\* Protected farms

\*\* In process of being protected

## 7. SERVICES AND FACILITIES





- Public services provided to the community and the associated facilities and infrastructure<sup>17</sup>;

**Municipal Waste Facility**

North Kingstown has a municipal curbside recycling collection program but not a municipal curbside trash collection for 100 percent of the town.

North Kingstown Transfer Station, which is municipally owned and operated, accepts municipal solid waste including mattresses, box springs, tires, scrap metal, propane tanks, wood waste, brush, white goods with and without Freon, used motor oil & filters, e-waste, used clothing, books, rigid plastics and single stream recyclables.

The transfer Station uses a PAY-T approach with a tagged bag disposal system for bagged trash less than 35 lbs.. For larger items not bagged, there is a 100 lb./\$8.00 minimum over the scale and \$160/ton weight charge.

The transfer station’s permit allows up to 25 tons per day of solid waste and is allowed to process up to 2000 tons of compost annually.

Approximately, 48% of households in town utilize the transfer station as their main way of disposing of solid waste. However, residents that utilize private haulers for their trash may also use the transfer station and are allowed to do so.

2014 ANNUAL REPORTING <sup>17</sup>	
Municipal Recycling Rate	35.1%
Mandatory Recycling Rate	35%
Diversion Rate	47%

**Private Waste Facility**

Private trash haulers licensed by North Kingstown can service residents and dispose of solid waste at Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC).

Recently, the State has adopted a new Rule to calculate municipal tip fees, which will be adjusted every two years, that will raise the per ton charge to dispose of solid waste to \$47/ton for FY 19, up from \$32/ton for FY 17 and \$39.50 for FY 18; an increase of approximately \$92,000 over the next two years.

**State Waste Facility**

Currently, the types of municipal solid waste that are being brought to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation are municipal mixed refuse, mattress and box springs, tires, propane tanks, rigid plastics, and single stream recyclables and cardboards, which are separated into other loads.

Propane tanks and scrap metal are sent to Exeter Scrap Metal.

Used clothing items are sent to Planet Aid.

Used books are delivered to Discover Books.

E-waste are sent to Office Recycling Solutions.

**Actions to achieve a minimum of 35% solid waste recycling rate and a minimum of 50% solid waste diversion rate**

- 1) Conduct and encourage recycling and reuse of materials, and composting in household (i.e. Food Waste Diversion and a neighborhood based food composting program)
- 2) Refer to the Solid Waste 2038 RI Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan
- 3) Programs/Events, such as, recycling programs for small businesses (i.e. Big Green Can for Business in Providence and Earth Day Spring Cleaning in Providence, April 2013-2014).

- Current ways in which the solid waste management system is being funded<sup>17</sup>;

\$200,000 of the solid waste budget funds the line item for solid waste disposal at RIRRC. The remainder is used for the operation of the transfer station and the costs associated with hauling commodities to RIRRC and the associated costs for proper recycling of propane tanks and extraction of Freon from white goods prior to recycling as scrap metal. The curbside recycling program is funded from the tax base (\$536,000 for FY16).

<sup>17</sup> North Kingstown Public Works Department

- **Wastewater Management<sup>18</sup>**

- **Current Capacity**

- The Town's sewers are for residential and commercial use. Capacity is based on an allowed flow of 200,000 gallons per day to the treatment plant in Quonset. If and when this capacity is close to being exceeded, the town will fund upgrades at Quonset for greater flows. The Town is responsible for the wastewater collection system outside of the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) Business Park, with the exception of the QDC's interceptors. The wastewater is treated by QDC at their treatment plant. Additional areas for sewers are in the planning and/or design stage.

- **Town's Responsibility**

- The Town of North Kingstown adopted a Wastewater Management Ordinance in 1998. This ordinance requires that property owners inspect their Onsite Wastewater Treatment System every three years and pump the system when it needs to be pumped. Also requires that advanced systems be maintained annually or in conformance with system component requirements.

- North Kingstown Public Works annually maintains the storm water basins in 12 residential developments, assists the schools with their storm water basins, and maintains drainage structures in the town roads. A part-time employee works with the homeowners associations to facilitate the maintenance of their private storm water infrastructure.

- Currently, there are limited funds for the part time storm water coordinator and some projects.

- **Stormwater Management<sup>17</sup>**

- **Areas regularly subjected to flash flooding during storm events due to overwhelmed or unmaintained infrastructure**

- Below areas are mostly due to inadequate storm water drainage infrastructure;

- 1) Edmond Drive by Jay Drive
    - 2) North Quidnessett Road by Fletcher Road
    - 3) Pine River Drive by Knollwood Circle
    - 4) Post Road by Brewster Road and also by Devils Foot Road
    - 5) Laurel Ridge Lane by Highbush Terrace
    - 6) Lafayette Road by Audobon Road
    - 7) Walmsley Lane
    - 8) Lloyd Road by Cottrell Road

- **Improvement plans in the funding for or management of stormwater**

- The Town is participating in the state's Green Infrastructure pilot program which includes planning for future storm water management improvements.

- **Current municipal regulations or standards regarding stormwater management**

- The subdivision and land development regulations contain standards and requirements for storm water management, which also reference the state standards. Plans are reviewed by the Town Engineer and inspected by the Engineering Office.

<sup>18</sup> North Kingstown Water Department

- **Public safety and Emergency services**

- Fire Departments**

- 1) Station #1 - Headquarter, 8150 Post Road
    - 2) Station #2 - 1865 Boston Neck Road
    - 3) Station #3 - 6445 Post Road
    - 4) Station #5 - 171 Indian Corner Road

- Police Stations**

- 1) North Kingstown Police Department, 8166 Post Road
    - 2) Wickford Barracks, Rhode Island State Police, 7875 Post Road

- Walk-in Facilities that provide ambulatory care**

- 1) Well One-North Kingstown at 308 Callahan Road
    - 2) Wickford Junction Medical Walk-In at 1051 Ten Rod Road

- Current Issues & Future Plans to improve public safety and emergency services**

<sup>19</sup>Fire Department's current response times are not adequate compared to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommendation. One reason for this is the shortage of staffs at the fire department - there is only one staff, a fire marshal. As an effort to provide better public services and safety measures, Fire Prevention Division would need the following 2 additional staffs;

- 1) A Fire Alarm Superintendent
    - 2) and a Fire Inspector

A new fire station at 545 Callahan Rd would be an effective location, which is a vacant land adjacent to the Fire Maintenance Building.

- **Existing Community Facilities**

- Library**

- 1) Willett Free Library, 45 Ferry Rd, Saunderstown, RI 02874
    - 2) North Kingstown Free Library, 100 Boone Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852
    - 3) Davisville Free Library, 481 Davisville Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852

- Community Centers**

- 1) Senior Center, 44 Beach St, North Kingstown, RI 02852
    - 2) Community Center, 36 Beach St, North Kingstown, RI 02852

<sup>19</sup> North Kingstown Fire Department, 2015

- Enrollment projections by grade level forecasted over a 10-year period<sup>20</sup>

2010-2019 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROJECTION BY GRADE LEVEL (K - 12)																
Birth Year	Births	School Year	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2009	204	2014-2015	90	206	242	275	277	288	307	305	345	314	369	347	351	346
2010	205	2015-2016	91	199	226	240	285	279	291	319	312	351	349	359	331	352
2011	180	2016-2017	92	174	218	224	249	287	282	302	326	317	390	339	342	332
2012	201	2017-2018	93	195	191	216	232	251	290	293	309	331	352	379	323	343
2013	202	2018-2019	94	196	214	189	224	234	254	301	300	314	368	342	361	324
2014	198*	2019-2020	95	192	215	212	196	226	236	264	308	305	349	358	326	362
2015	197*	2020-2021	96	191	211	213	220	198	228	245	270	313	339	339	341	327
2016	196*	2021-2022	97	190	210	209	221	222	200	237	251	274	348	330	323	342
2017	199*	2022-2023	98	193	208	208	217	223	224	208	242	255	305	338	315	324
2018	198*	2023-2024	99	192	212	206	216	219	225	232	213	246	283	297	322	316
2019	198*	2024-2025	100	192	211	210	213	218	221	233	237	216	273	275	283	323

(\*estimates)

- Based on estimated births
- Based on children already born
- Based on currently enrolled students

- Current Capacity per school

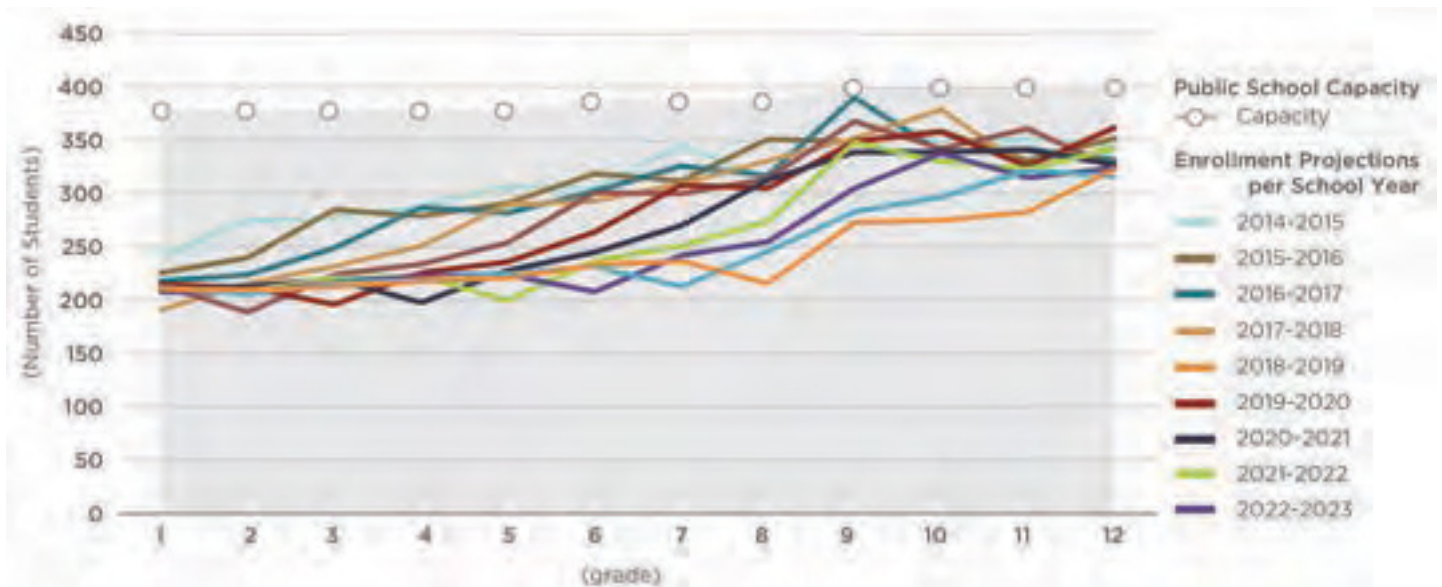
STUDENT CAPACITY PER SCHOOL		
School Name	School Capacity <sup>22</sup> (Number of Students)	Capacity per grade <sup>21</sup> (Number of Students)
Forest Park Elementary (Grade 1 - 5)	275	55
Fishing Cove Elementary (Grade 1 - 5)	335	67
Quidnessett Elementary (Grade 1 - 5)	383	76
Stony Lane Elementary (Grade 1 - 5)	450	90
Hamilton Elementary (Grade 1 - 5)	450	90
Wickford Middle (Grade 6 - 8)	485	161
Davisville Middle (Grade 6 - 8)	680	226
North Kingstown High (Grade 9 - 12)	1,600	400

<sup>20</sup> North Kingstown School District, New England School Development Council, 10/27/2014

<sup>21</sup> Derived from dividing the school capacity by number of grades



- Enrollment projections by grade level and school capacity<sup>20, 21</sup>



- Overall school system enrollment figures per grade and capacity per grade level & Comparison of enrollment projections and existing school capacity by grade level;

NORTH KINGSTOWN ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2010 - 2015 <sup>22</sup>						
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Pre K & Kindergarten	311	303	319	292	281	294
Grade 1	276	291	281	271	278	243
Grade 2	309	266	296	272	270	276
Grade 3	286	334	274	302	281	279
Grade 4	291	290	342	275	303	284
Grade 5	287	299	300	333	289	305
Grade 6	344	301	306	311	333	305
Grade 7	339	343	304	306	322	349
Grade 8	341	340	338	315	313	312
Grade 9	415	401	400	358	340	366
Grade 10	428	401	387	356	351	345
Grade 11	424	417	393	364	334	349
Grade 12	405	423	424	383	360	333
Total	4,456	4,409	4,364	4,138	4,055	4,040

<sup>22</sup> NKSD School Enrollment 2010 through 2019 projected 12/15/2015

- Existing and/or Anticipated Future Issues<sup>23</sup>

- **School Capacity**

- Enrollment has decreased 9% in the past 7 - 8 years.

- Since 2010, charter schools has had three times more enrollment and this has affected the school department's budget allocation.

- Elementary schools do not use the facilities upto their capacity since the enrollment is lower than the maximum number of students the schools can accommodate.

- **School Facility Conditions**

- North Kingstown High School has had issues with its HVAC system.

- Wickford Middle School, which is a 87-year-old building, is in need of an upgrade. Potential scenarios to resolve this issue include;

- 1) Close Wickford Middle School and build new a new middle school facility
    - 2) Consolidate two middle schools into one facility and reduce to five elementary schools into four facilities. And, expand Davisville Middle School or turn it into a new elementary school.
    - 3) Close Fishing Cove Elementary School and Forest Park Elementary School.

- These scenarios are based on many factors, which would be informed better by further analysis studies (i.e. family types, economy, age of parents, etc.).

<sup>23</sup> North Kingstown School Department, 2015

## 8. WATER SUPPLY



- **Water Supply System Types<sup>24</sup>**

**Different types of water supply systems (major public water suppliers, minor public water suppliers, self supply, etc.) that are in use within the municipality**

Water is supplied to businesses and residents of North Kingstown by the North Kingstown Department of Water Supply (Public).

About 670 developed properties are served by private wells (self supply).

A handful of properties on Frenchtown Road are connected to the Kent County Water Authority system (KCWA).

**Water sources supplying water to the municipality (i.e. specific surface or ground water resource)**

North Kingstown’s public supply sources include the Hunt, Annaquatucket, and Pettaquamscutt (HAP) Sole Source Aquifer.

**Public water supplier: Municipal System**

Primary major water supplier to residents of the town is the Town of North Kingstown.

**Public water supplier: Regional System**

A small number of residents and businesses are connected to the Kent County Water Authority System.

**Public water supplier: Quasi-Public System**

Quonset Point/Davisville Business Park is served by the Quonset Development Corporation Water System.

The recent estimates developed by the Water Resources Board applying the RIDEM developed Streamflow Depletion Methodology indicate that the low flow allowable depletion in the Hunt, Annaquatucket, Pettaquamscutt Aquifer System is approximately 4.8 MGD. The fact that seasonal high water demand associated with North Kingstown’s current customer base may often exceed 4.8 MG demonstrates the need to manage the use of our current supply sources and look for sustainable future sources of water supply.

**Percentage of persons within the community that are served by each major public water supplier**

Between 93 and 94 percent are served by North Kingstown Water.

Between 5 and 6 percent self supply through private wells.

Less than 1 percent are supplied by KCWA (Kent County Water Authority).

- **Current Monthly Water Usage, Average Daily Demand, and Peak Daily Demand**

<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY AND PEAK MONTHLY WATER USAGE IN YEAR 2014<sup>24</sup></b>						
<b>Month</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Total (gallons)	65,095,200	56,842,800	63,022,100	64,466,000	82,062,620	109,541,200
Average Daily Demand (gallons)	2,099,845	2,030,100	2,032,970	2,148,866	2,647,181	3,651,373
Peak Daily Demand (gallons)	2,492,100	2,534,500	2,627,400	2,424,900	3,244,500	4,673,900
<b>Month</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
Total (gallons)	115,222,300	114,535,600	108,464,000	75,051,700	62,225,300	61,983,500
Average Daily Demand (gallons)	3,716,848	3,694,696	3,615,466	2,421,022	2,074,176	1,999,467
Peak Daily Demand (gallons)	5,600,900	4,645,800	4,369,600	3,009,500	2,759,500	2,545,800

<sup>24</sup> North Kingstown Water Department, 2015

- Monthly Water Usage, Average Daily Demand, and Peak Daily Demand Projection at the End of the 20-year Planning Horizon

PROJECTED AVERAGE MONTHLY AND PEAK MONTHLY WATER USAGE AT YEAR 2035 <sup>25</sup>						
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June
Total (gallons)	69,285,522	60,501,897	67,078,972	68,615,819	87,345,172	116,592,609
Average Daily Demand (gallons)	2,235,017	2,160,782	2,163,837	2,287,193	2,817,586	3,886,420
Peak Daily Demand (gallons)	2,652,522	2,697,651	2,796,532	2,580,996	3,453,356	4,974,769
Month	July	August	September	October	November	December
Total (gallons)	122,639,414	121,908,510	115,446,068	79,882,944	66,230,880	65,973,515
Average Daily Demand (gallons)	3,956,110	3,932,532	3,848,202	2,576,869	2,207,695	2,128,177
Peak Daily Demand (gallons)	5,961,442	4,944,860	4,650,881	3,203,228	2,937,135	2,709,679

- Existing capacity of the town’s water infrastructure, as confirmed by the Rhode Island Water Resources Board in the Water Supply System Management Plan (WSSMP), September 2015

**Available Water (low flow allowable depletion)<sup>26</sup>:**

4.8 MGD

**Pumping Capacity<sup>26</sup>:**

8.9 MGD

North Kingstown’s total pumping capacity in the Hunt, Annaquatucket, Pettaquamscutt Aquifer System is approximately 8.9 MGD but in reality the flow would be less given that individual well yield is less when other wells nearby are pumping at the same time. Therefore, 8 MGD provides a more realistic and reliable estimate.

- Recent projects

**Major proposed projects and plans<sup>27</sup>**

- 1) Water rate study
- 2) Replacement of Well #10
- 3) Recoating Slocum Tank
- 4) Update of Infrastructure Replacement Plan (development of an Asset Management Plan)

North Kingstown Planning and Water Departments work closely on implementing the WSSMP with regard to water supply protection, water availability, demand management, drought mitigation and response, and water emergencies.

<sup>25</sup> Calculation based on Rhode Island Population Projections 2010-2040, April 2013, Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program, Division of Planning and North Kingstown Water Department’s 2014 Water Usage Data.

<sup>26</sup> WSSMP Executive Summary September 18 2015, p. viii

<sup>27</sup> North Kingstown Water Department, 2015

# 9. TRANSPORTATION





# HIGHWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN  
RHODE ISLAND

Comprehensive Plan, 2016

### MAP LEGEND

TRAFFIC GENERATORS	
●	Shopping center
■	Large employment center
▲	Growth center
ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	
— (Red)	Freeway/expressway
— (Orange)	Principal arterial
— (Brown)	Minor arterial
— (Yellow)	Major collector
— (Light Green)	Minor collector
— (Grey)	Local

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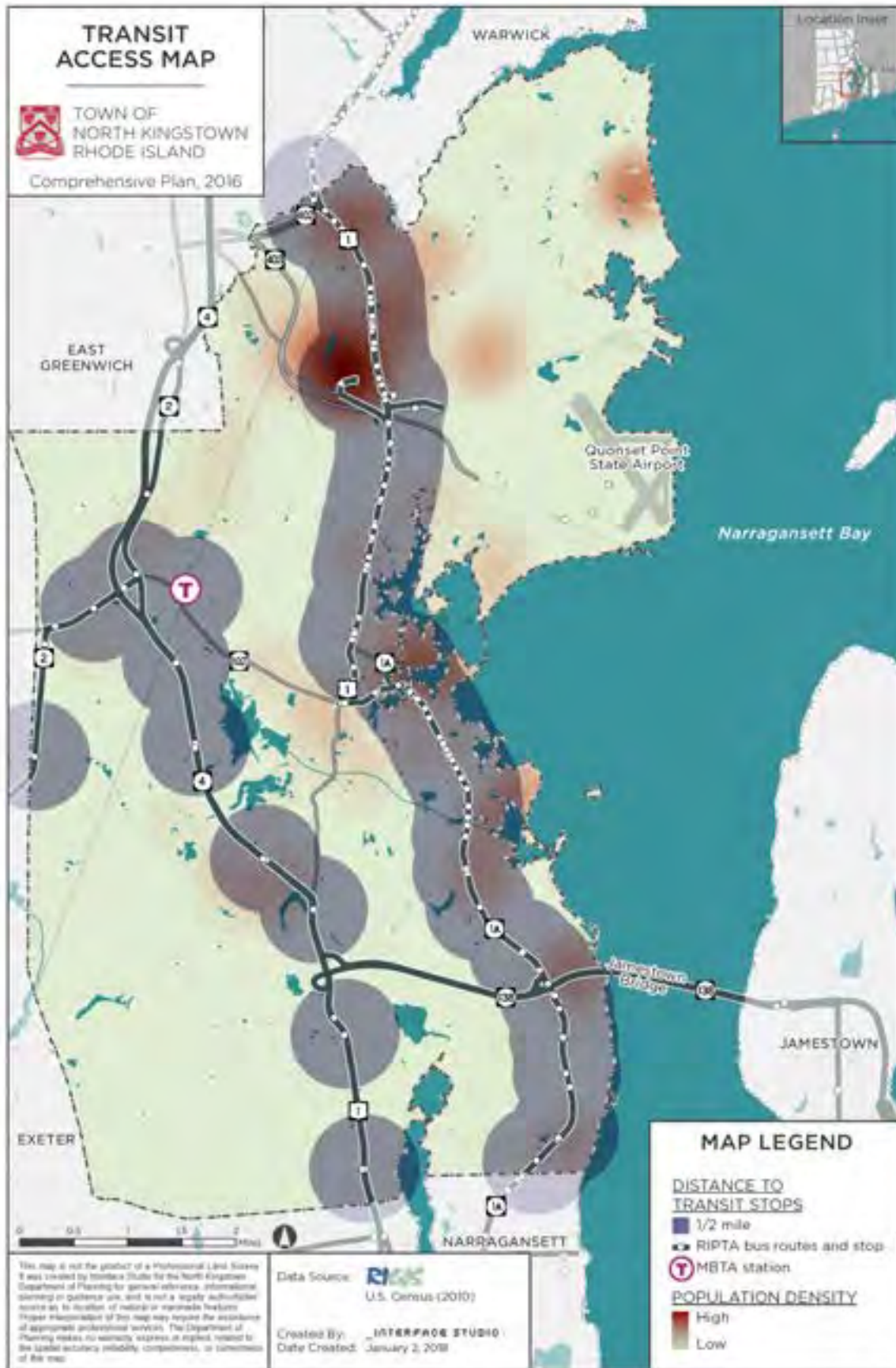
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## 10. NATURAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Priority natural hazards and climate change trends that are likely to impact the municipality<sup>28</sup>

WIND RELATED HAZARDS	WINTER RELATED HAZARDS	FLOOD RELATED HAZARDS	GEOLOGIC RELATED HAZARDS	ADDITIONAL HAZARDS
Storm Surge	Snow	Riverine Flooding	Earthquakes	Wildfire
Hurricanes	Ice	Flash Flooding		Drought
Tornadoes	Extreme Cold	Urban Flooding		Extreme Heat
High Winds		Coastal Flooding		
		Climate Change & Sea Level Rise		
		Coastal Erosion		
		Dam Breach		

- Past natural hazards that have occurred within the municipality<sup>28</sup>

### Wind Related Hazards

- 2012 October "Superstorm Sandy"
- 2011 August Tropical Storm Irene
- 1991 Hurricane Bob, 1985 Hurricane Gloria
- 1954 Hurricane Carol
- 1938 Hurricane (most extreme on record)

### Winter Related Hazards

- 2013 February Winter Storm "Nemo"
- 1978 Blizzard

### Flood Related Hazards

- 2012 October "Superstorm Sandy"
- 2011 August Tropical Storm Irene
- 2010 March 500-year Flood
- 1991 Hurricane Bob
- 1985 Hurricane Gloria
- 1954 Hurricane Carol
- 1938 Hurricane (most extreme on record)

### Geologic Related Hazards

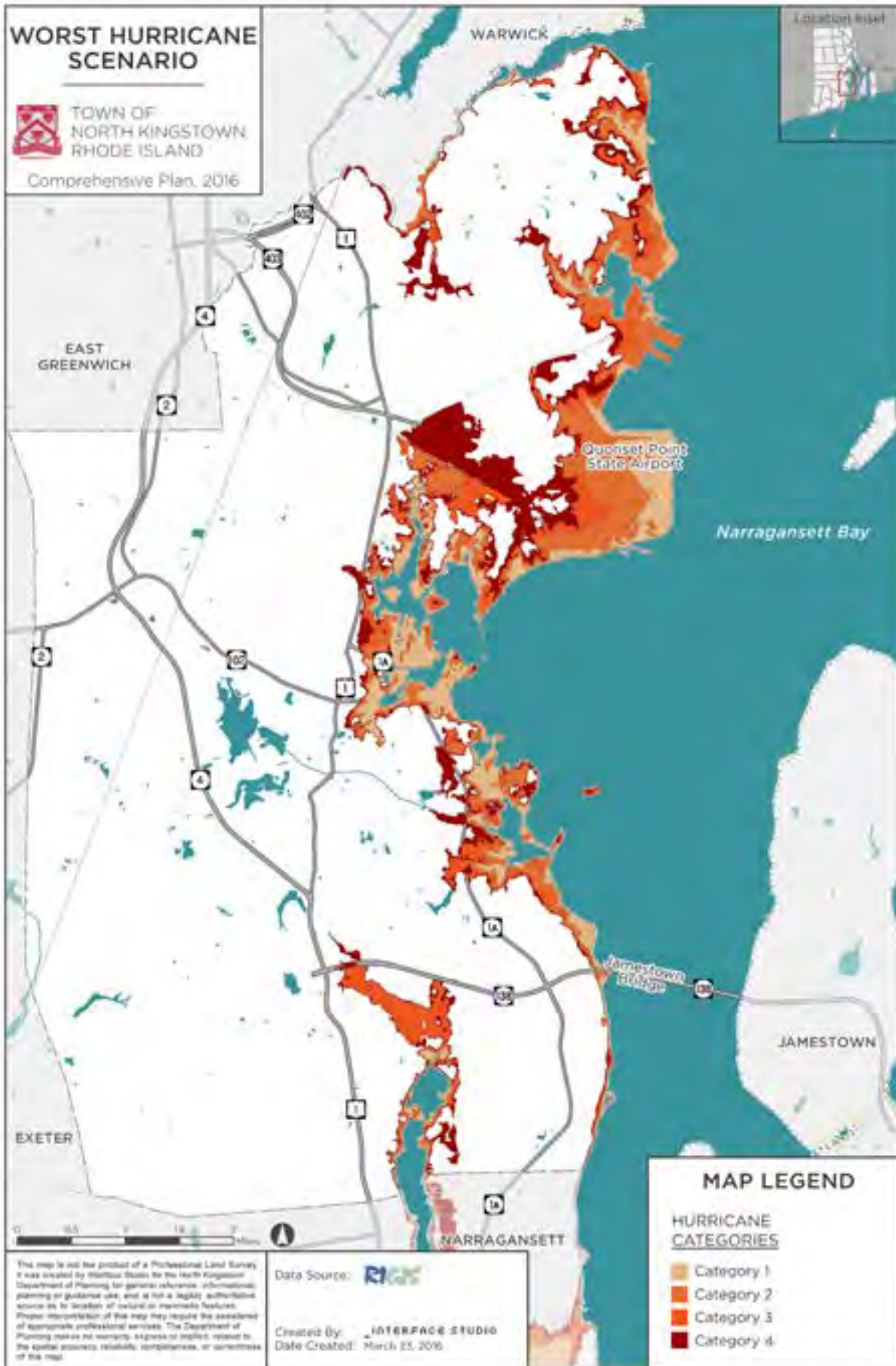
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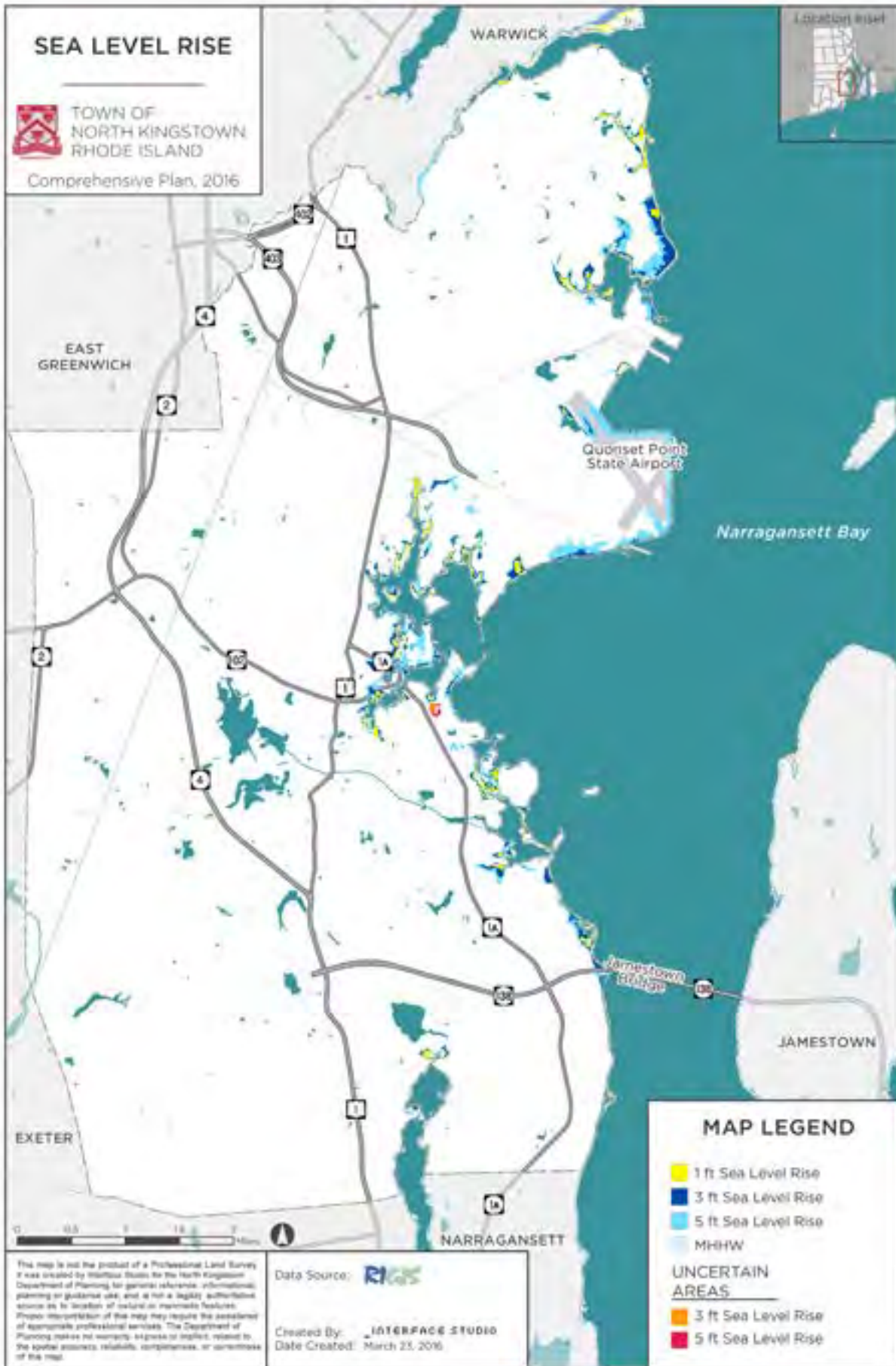
### Additional Hazards

- 2002 Statewide seasonal drought
- 1999 Statewide seasonal drought
- 1975 wildfire
- 1969 wildfire
- Mid-1960s Statewide long-term drought

<sup>28</sup> Adaptation to Natural Hazards & Climate Change in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, pp 18-19







# SALT MARSH PROJECTION SCENARIOS

## EXISTING



— EXISTING EVACUATION ROUTE

• 1 FOOT SEA LEVEL RISE



— EXISTING EVACUATION ROUTE

+ 3 FOOT SEA LEVEL RISE



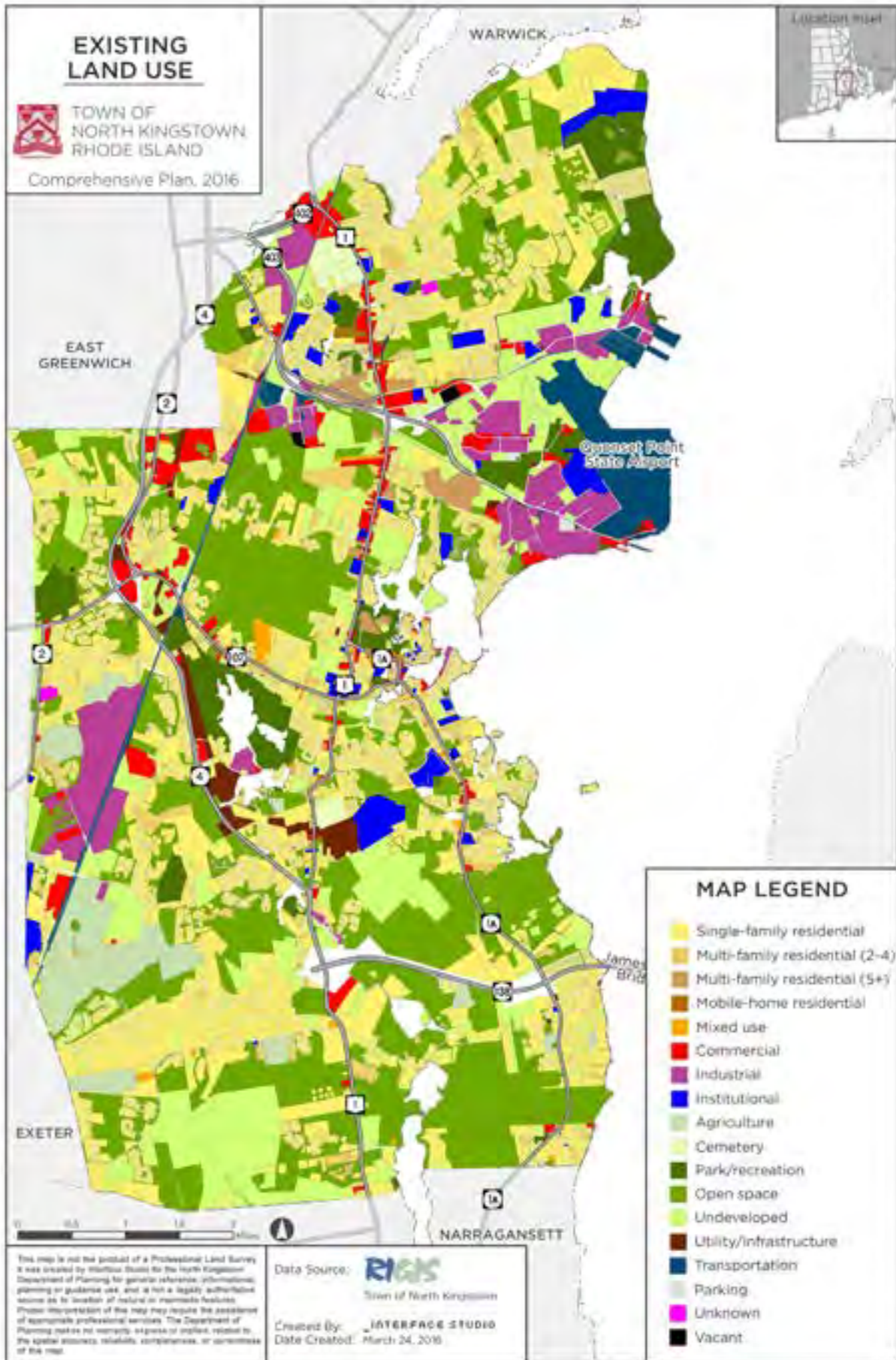
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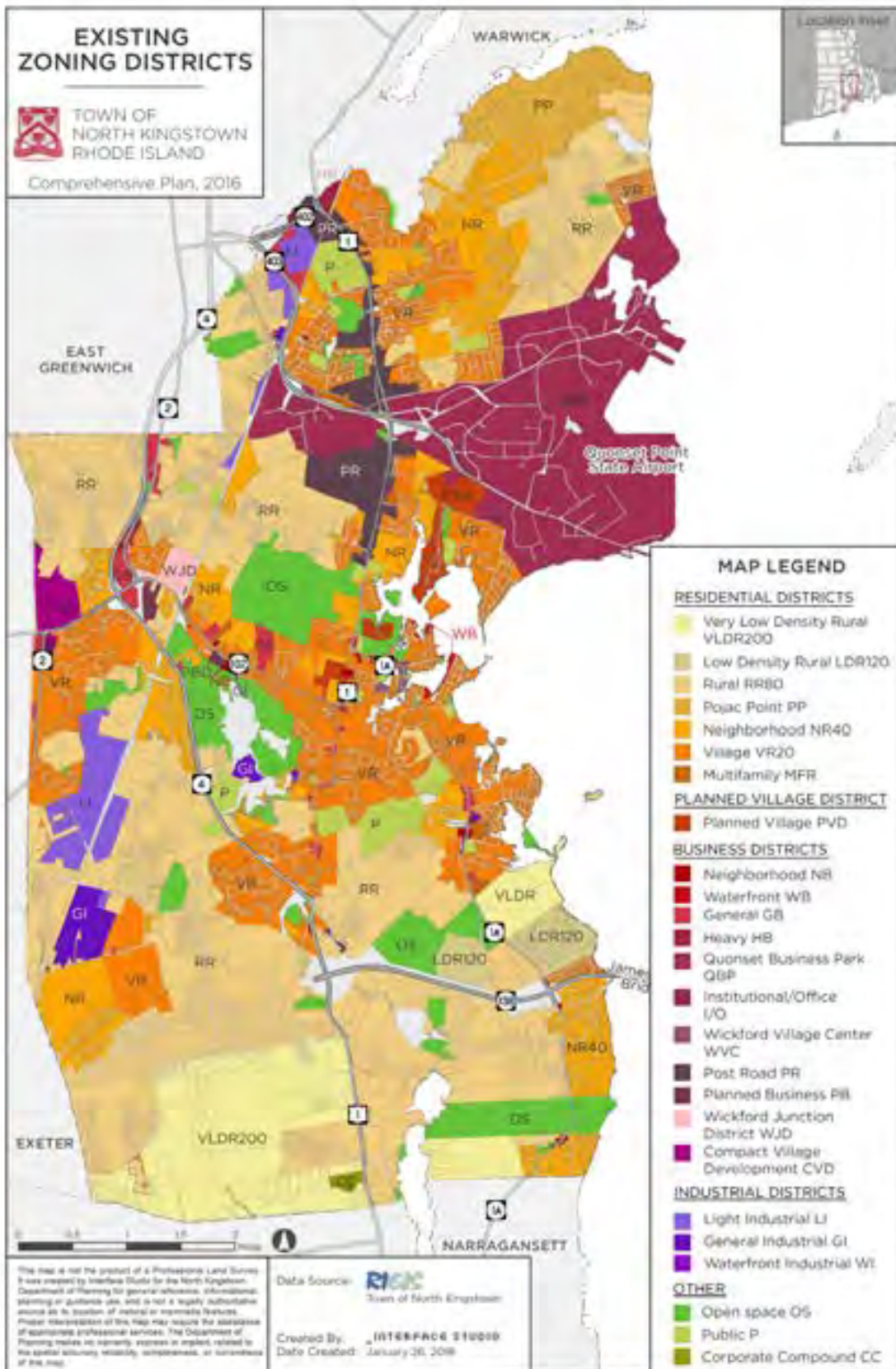


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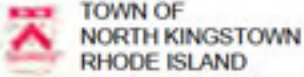
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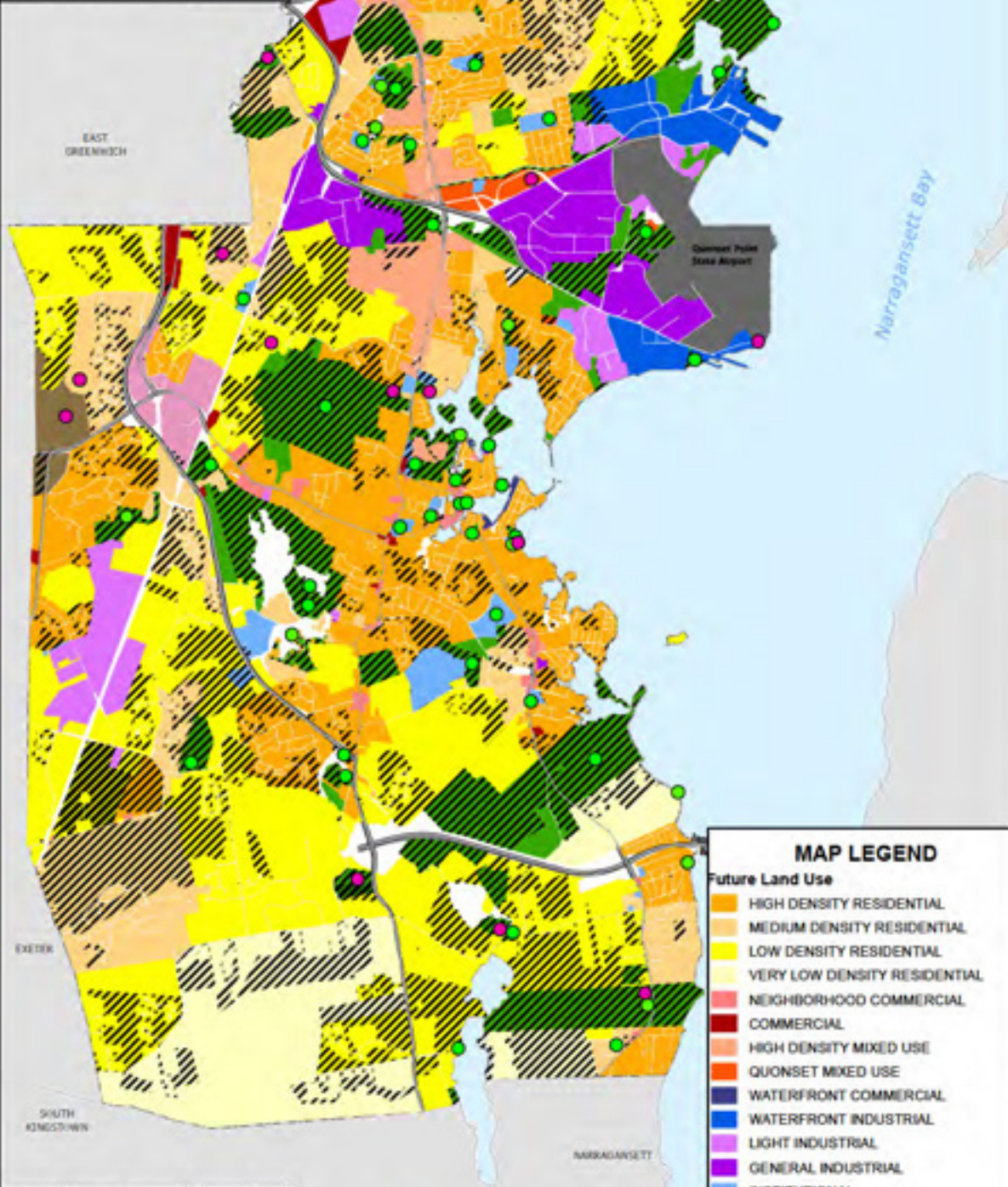




# FUTURE LAND USE



Comprehensive Plan, 2019



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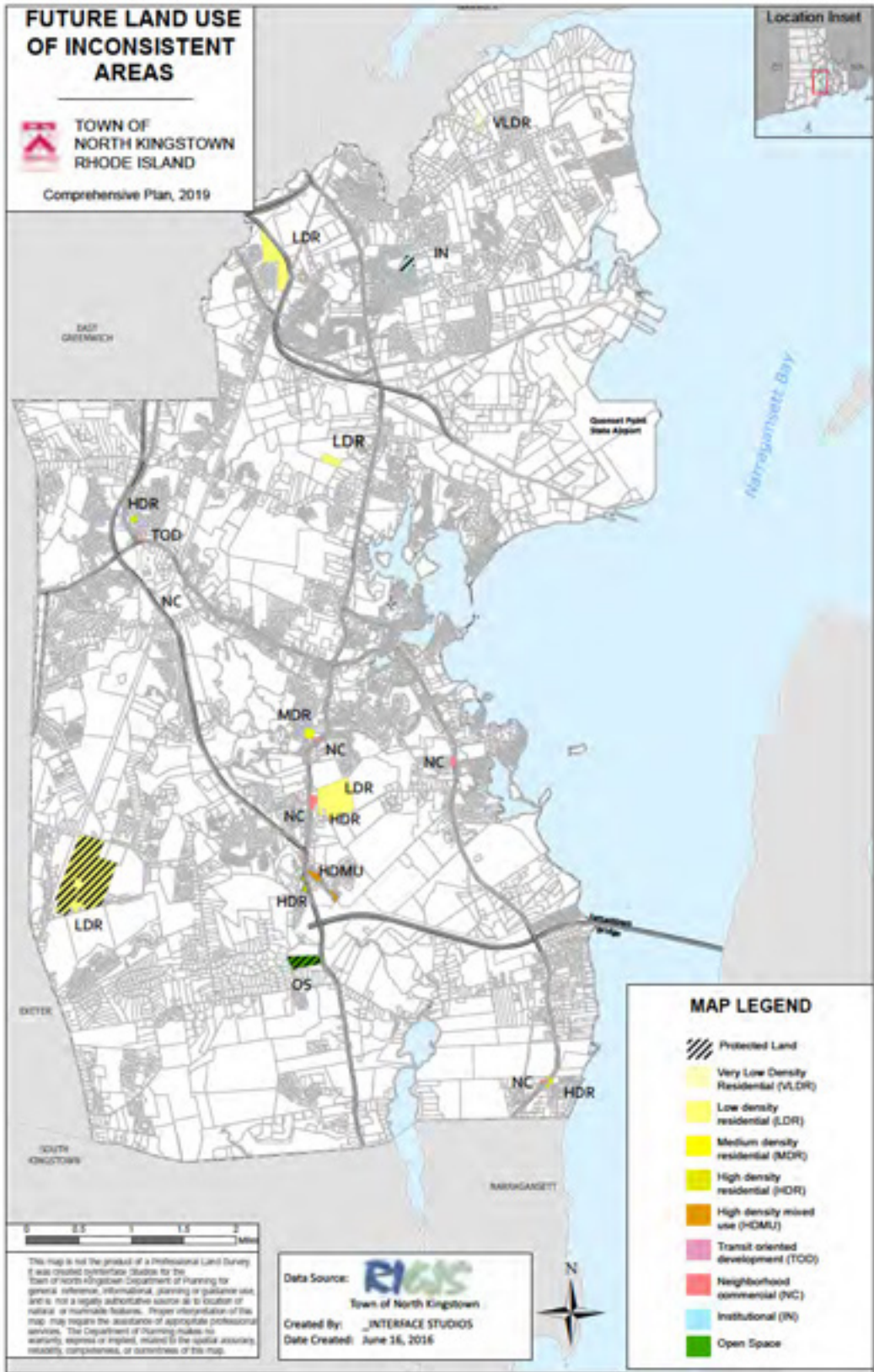
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  - VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
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  - COMMERCIAL
  - HIGH DENSITY MIXED USE
  - QUONSET MIXED USE
  - WATERFRONT COMMERCIAL
  - WATERFRONT INDUSTRIAL
  - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
  - GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
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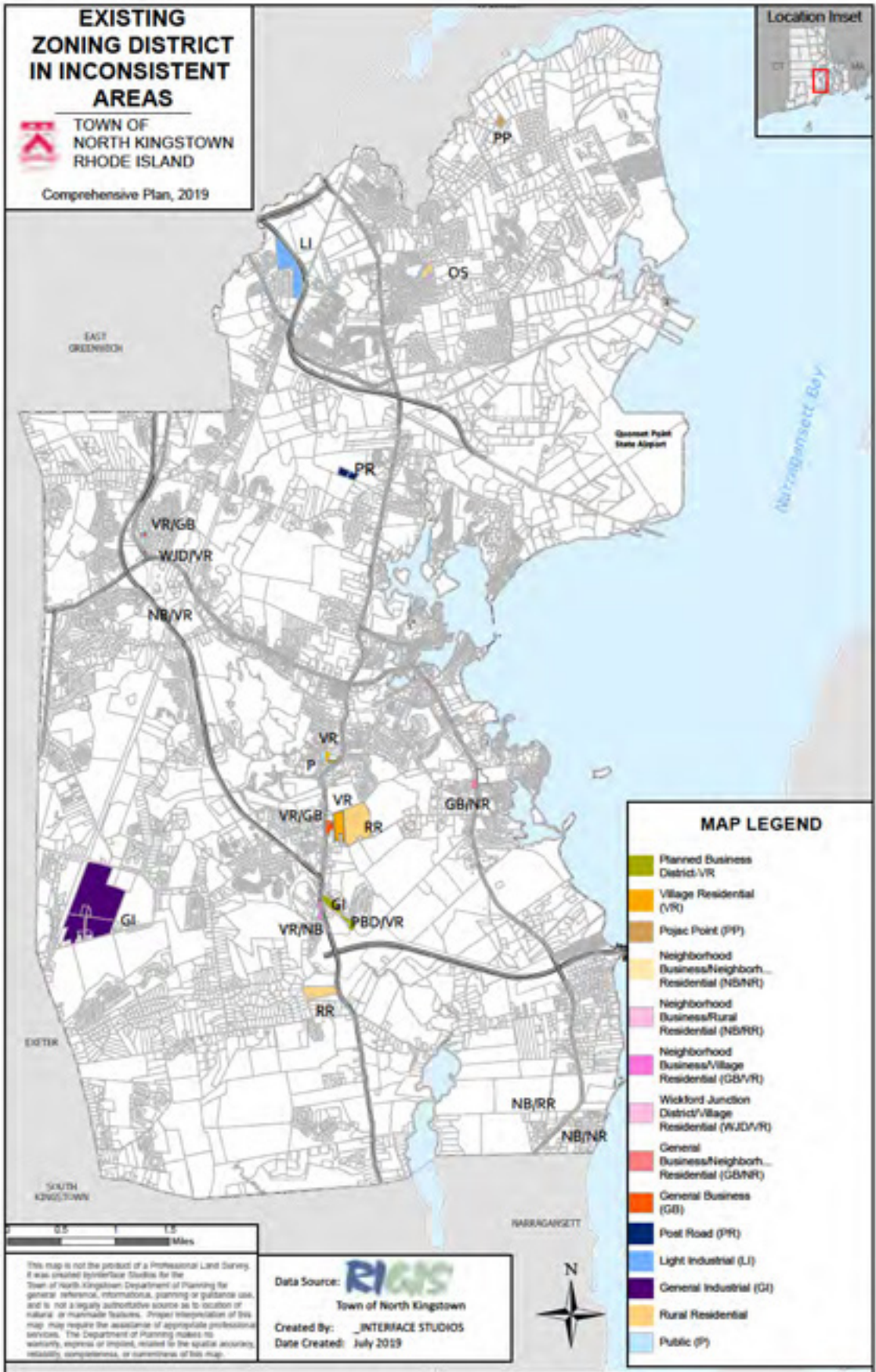


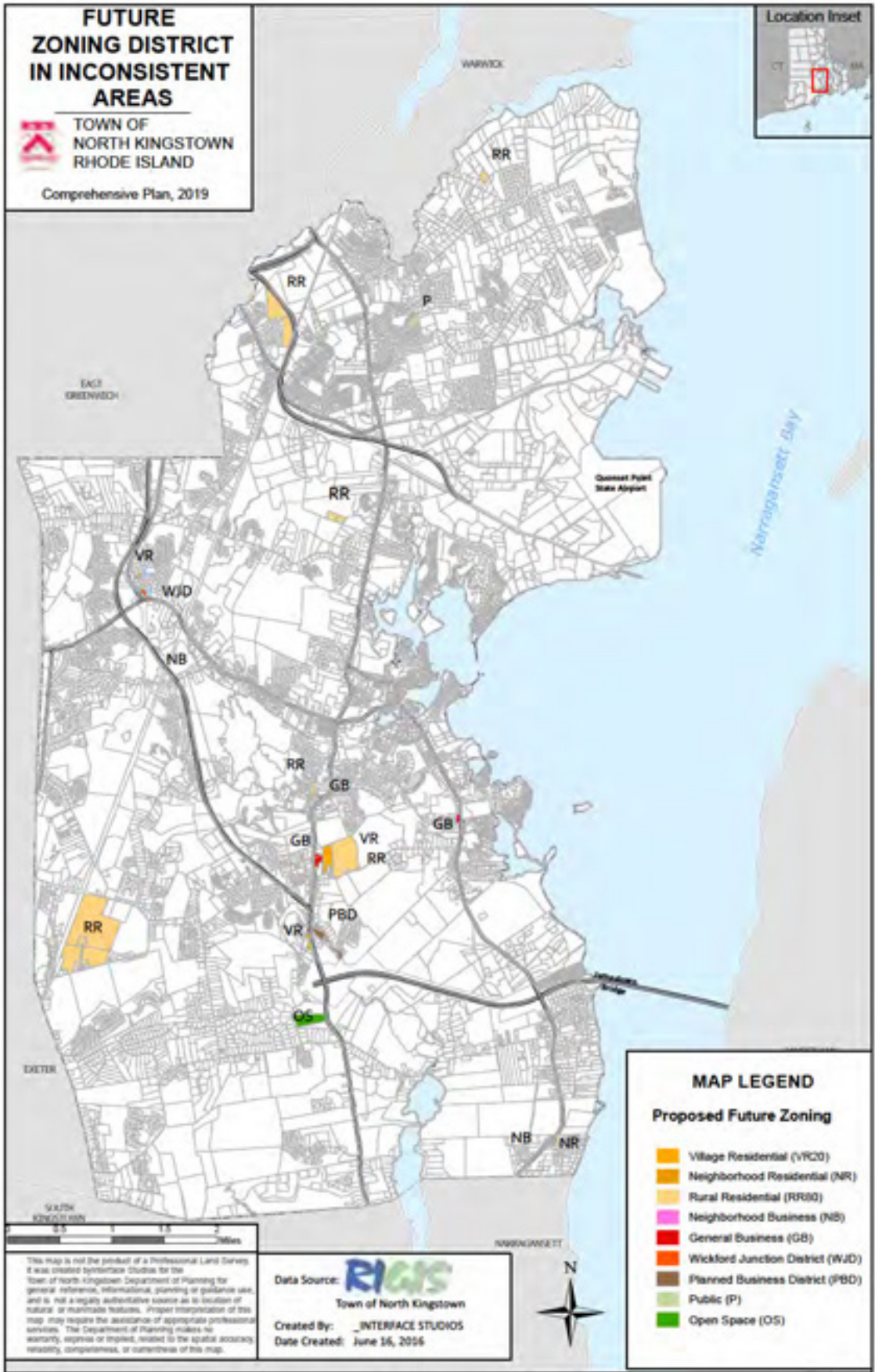
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## 12. PUBLIC FORUM SUMMARY

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS  
NORTH KINGSTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
PUBLIC MEETING 1 and COLLABORATIVE MAPPING  
JULY 13 – AUGUST 14, 2015**

### EXERCISE 1: TODAY & TOMORROW

*Instruction: What is North Kingstown Today and what should it be Tomorrow?*

<b>TODAY)</b>	<b>Total 35</b>
Great potential, but subject to over-dev. and sprawl	
Taxes are too high	
Confused	
Growth in wrong areas sprawl	
Business unfriendly	
Confused	
Missing opportunities to make connections	
Making changes to better plan for the future	
Holding its breath, waiting for something to happen	
A bit of a hodgepodge	
In need of business development and supportive infrastructure	
Bed occupy community	
Sprawl	
Uncertain about what future should be –somewhat fractured	
Bedroom community of providence	
Disconnected neighborhoods and commercial areas	
About to be submerged by next storm surge	
Quant Coastal Community	
Rural Quality of Life	
White	
Only wet a king tides	
Subject to sprawling unattractive commercial and residential development	
Looks like Bald Hill Rd. in Warwick ☹ Not a good thing	
Quick to change vision and rules (e.g. Urban service boundary) to accommodate development	
Diversity of Development Types: economic, residential, industrial, single family, agriculture, condo, marine, multi-family, elders	
The basic structure for very positive growth	
Disorganized, Mismanaged	
Hodgepodge of different disjoint communities	
Lost its direction	
Expensive	
Help businesses downtown	
Fairly wealthy suburban community with many retirees	
Wildly over-developing	
Great art center, Economically depressed, Resource rich, Over taxed, Bad road	
Disjointed sea of un-connected residential compounds	

<b>TOMORROW)</b>	<b>Total 35</b>
Improved + expanded open space farmland QDC Wickford	
Collection of connected villages supported by strong commercial areas	
Town Leader	
Diverse	
Bike trail to village from Quonset	
Outdoorsy	
Making things happen-viable mixed use cultural center	
A town that feels and looks unified	
Walkable community with restaurants that vary like EG	
Quaint Village	
Shoreline connection available	
Arts + Culture center (with strong libraries)	
More Wickford restaurants	
Interconnected neighborhoods, commercial areas	
Sense of community, Diverse, Resilient (added flood issue)	
Hub and Spoke town	
Destination location	
Resilient to climate change. May require moving structure	
Maintain character and charm	
Growth in designated business centers	
Flood resistant	
Less expensive taxes, better arts support	
Thoughtful about development	
Environmentally progressive	
Use of urban service boundary to help Wickford, Solar power school	
Town inclusion through Post Road development	
Re-imagination of Post Rd., recognizing changed demographics, needs multimodal transportation improvements	
Supportive community, Destination location	
Able to set vision and zoning and stick with it	
We need a new mayor!	
Attracts people to visit and capitalizes on people who work here	
Fiscally responsible	
Bike trail to tour from bike trail at Quonset	
As much open space as possible	
More trees, parks, nature – not like a city	

**EXERCISE 2: “ANY OTHER COMMENTS?”**

COMMENTS	Total 7
Energy usage at schools –solar power year round, LEEDS –office & municipal buildings, Use of “gray” water at Quonset Area	
Please let’s start to talk positively regarding our town and the attempted improvements. Negativity sells nothing!	
Ask local businesses for advice	
Please help save Saw Mill Pond!	
Don’t forget very north end commercial/Frenchtown area	
Preserve open space and family farms as the #1 priority, because once it’s gone, it will never come back.	
It is misleading to characterize flooding as due to rain. We have coastal flooding, exacerbated by sea level rise, which will increase in the years ahead. Part of this plan must consider Sea Level Rise, coastal flooding, insurance rates. We also have flooding due to increasingly intense rain, but it is secondary to coastal flooding.	
Energy usage at schools –solar power year round, LEEDS –office & municipal buildings, Use of “gray” water at Quonset Area	

**EXERCISE 3: COLLABORATIVE MAPPING**

- o Question 2) where is a hidden gem?
- o Question 3) where would you spend money for improvements?

Q2) WHERE IS A HIDDEN GEM?		Total 48
GEM	COMMENTS	
Ryan Park	Outstanding trails, scenery, and open space	
Wickford Shoreline		
Gilbert Stuart House / Camp Nokewa	Historic	
Downtown Wickford	Needs help and is a gem	
Biomes	Is a gem	
The old trail bridge from Wickford Station to Wickford	Some is already protected, some is private land	
Post Road Bike Trail	Old railroad right of way	
Wickford Elementary School		
Saw Mill Pond		
Belleville Pong / Ryan’s Park	Wonderful place to walk, mountain bike	
Coastal Growers Market at Casey Farm	And Casey Farm in general	
Signal Rock Ball Park	n/a	
Saw Mill Pond	n/a	
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Open space / farms	n/a	
Gilbert Stuart House	n/a	
Biomes is terrific	n/a	
Wickford Elementary	n/a	
Cucumcussoc	n/a	
Signal Rock Park	n/a	
Public library connection with West Mail	Offers opportunity for pedestrian connection that isn’t well marked	
Biomes	n/a	
Rt 1A Corridor	Vistas to the East, Casey Farm, the character and feel	
Loop Road	A beautiful view of Wickford, birds, fishing	
Rural gateway & farms	n/a	
Saw Mill Pond, Davisville	n/a	
Sawmill Pond	Beautiful water feature in the center of a dense neighborhood. Just needs to be cleaned and polished.	



**Q2) WHERE IS A HIDDEN GEM? - CONTINUED**

<u>GEM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Saw Mill Pond	n/a
Cocumcossoc Park	n/a
Ryan Park	n/a
Rome Point	n/a
Davisville Free Library	n/a
Shady Lea Arts Center	n/a
Gilbert Stuart Museum	n/a
John Chaffee Preserve / Rome Point	n/a
Beaches on Quonset Point	n/a
Rail right of way / parking lot	West Davisville, see parking lot next to bridge, need a train set to start commuter train
Gilbert Stuart / Snuff Mill Roads	Favorite bicycle ride
Town Beach	With some sprucing up, this could be a real hotspot for NK residents
Farmlands and Rural Gateway open space	Scenic residential and farm land open space
Layfayette Mills	An emerging village on the Ten Rod Road connector between Wickford Junction and Wickford Village. The building by the waterfall is perfect for a small pub
Potential agriculture corridor trail between NK, EG and Exeter	Develop a "farmway trail" to promote our local farming and craft-food
Potential Transportation Hub farms	Transportation hub for access in protect the farms
Titled Barn Brewery	A wonderful hidden gem using farmland to support Newport Storm brewery (with hops) and growing and making their own beer. Family run.
New Marker	Farmland with established trees as a result of an existing nursery that would be great for creating an arboretum and walking trails.

**Q3) WHERE WOULD YOU SPEND MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS?**

**Total 40**

<u>WHERE THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Post Road Help!	n/a
Post Road	n/a
Post Road Redevelopment + Beautification	Bike path for easy access from Wickford to Quonset
Downtown	Downtown is where people come to spend money but there is not enough to do.
Safe bike route	From train station area to Wickford area and also up Route 1
Post Road Bike Trail	Old railroad right of way
Wickford Sewers & Wickford Elementary	n/a
Cocumcussoc	n/a
Calf Pasture Beach	Needs a parking lot!
Rt. 1 between the police dept and Quonset	Make this area bike friendly, pedestrian friendly, connected.
Post Road development	South - Quonset to Wickford
Post Road	n/a
Downtown	Downtown is the gem that draws people here and there is little to do there. That has to change.
Post Road!!!	n/a
Post Road improvements	n/a
Signal Rock Ballfield/Park	n/a
Post Road	Post Road is a main connector -- we need to look at pedestrian

**Q3) WHERE WOULD YOU SPEND MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS? - CONTINUED**

<u>WHERE THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Post Road corridor	Needs reimagining. Rethink roadway, install sidewalks, bike lanes, create distinct pockets of different style
Route 2/102	Poised for substantial commercial sprawl. I would like to see the rural character protected.
Post Road North	n/a
Saw Mill Pond	Protect the environment, save the trees!!
Post Road	n/a
Post Road ped/bike route	We need a pedestrian
Post Road	Connect Davisville/ped + improved transportation safety
Post Road	Bury electric lines
Post Road	n/a
Post Road	n/a
Wickford Elementary	Consolidate all town services into the vacant Wickford Elementary School
Arts, culture, libraries	n/a
Wickford	Small business development
Post Road	n/a
Buy a train	RI owns the rail right of way
Better boat ramp	n/a
Park	The baseball field is great, but the rest of the open area is way under-utilized. This could be a great recreation area with access to hiking trails and other family friendly things to do.
Post Road	This entire Post Road area needs revitalization.
	Focus commercial here with wider roads, existing businesses, and approval of sewers. Infill and support existing rather than neglecting and sprawling in open spaces
Post Road North	
Post Road	n/a
post rd	n/a
post rd north	improve post rd
	Money currently going for infrastructure and incentives should be added to relocating businesses and drawing new business to existing available buildings.
New Marker	
Post Road	n/a

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**  
**NORTH KINGSTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
**PUBLIC MEETING 2 and ONLINE ACTIVITY**  
**OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 26, 2015**

**Q1. VISION: What do we want North Kingstown to be?**

*Instruction: Choose three phrases and that most represents your vision of the future and place dots next to your choice.*

<b>Total Responses 212</b>		
<b>Phrases</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>(%)</b>
A COASTAL COMMUNITY	28	13%
WALKABLE / BIKABLE	27	13%
SCENIC	18	8%
SAFE	17	8%
CONNECTED	16	8%
FAMILY-ORIENTED	16	8%
RURAL	15	7%
HISTORIC	14	7%
INNOVATIVE	13	6%
LIVELY	11	5%
FRIENDLY	10	5%
A DESTINATION	6	3%
AN ECONOMIC HUB	5	2%
RESILIENT	5	2%
Other: Vibrant	4	2%
Other: Modern/Trendy	3	1%
DIVERSE	2	1%
AUTHENTIC	1	0%
Other	1	0%

**Q2. POST ROAD: How can we make Post Road better?**

*Instruction: Choose three treatments that you think would most change the look, feel, and function of Post Road. Place dots next to your choice.*

<b>Total Responses 211</b>		
<b>Treatments</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>(%)</b>
LANDSCAPING	34	16%
SIDEWALKS	31	15%
BIKE LANE	30	14%
TREES	30	14%
ZONING FLEXIBILITY	24	11%
CROSSWALKS & PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS	18	9%
CONTINUOUS PARKING LOTS & FEWER CURB CUTS	11	5%
OUTDOOR SEATING	9	4%
LIGHTING	4	2%
SIGNAGE	4	2%
Other: Pavement / Better Road	4	2%
Other: Mix in Residential Cluster Development for Seniors	2	1%
Other: Put Powerlines Underground	2	1%
Other: Center Turn Lane	2	1%
Other: Infill development / fill vacant buildings	2	1%
BUS SHELTERS	1	0%
Other: More connections to main roads	1	0%
Other: Move Shady Lea Art Community to Post Road	1	0%
Other: Parks	1	0%

**Q3. WICKFORD: How can we make Wickford Better?**

*Instructions: Choose three actions that you think would have the biggest impact for Wickford and place dots next to your choice.*

Actions	Count	Total Responses 202
		(%)
CREATING MORE PUBLIC SPACE & ACCESS ALONG THE WATERFRONT	47	23%
ATTRACTING BOATERS AND TOURISTS	37	18%
DEVELOPING ALONG THE WATERFRONT	27	13%
ENCOURAGING MORE BUSINESSES TO STAY OPEN LATE DURING EVENTS	25	12%
REGULARIZING BUSINESS HOURS	21	10%
HOLDING MORE EVENTS	17	8%
INSTALLING PUBLIC ART	9	4%
Other: Restaurants / Bars	6	3%
Other: Historical branding / signage / programming	3	1%
Other: Sewers	2	1%
Other: Senior Housing Cluster Developments with Transportation to Shopping and Train	2	1%
Other: Remove Poison Ivy from the Road and Wilson Park	1	0%
Other: Reduce traffic / increase bikability	1	0%
Other: Harbor Tours	1	0%
Other: Canoeing & Kayaking Expansion	1	0%
Other: Be More Small-Business Friendly	1	0%
Other	1	0%

**Q4. WATERFRONT: How can we make waterfront better?**

*Instructions: For both Wickford waterfront & Town-wide waterfront, write and place a sticky note on the map.*

Waterfront : Wickford	Total 31
Waterfront Dining- Micro brew pub	
Restaurants with outdoor seating	
More of a social hub instead of closing so early because of cranky residents	
Drivers cannot see pedestrians or oncoming traffic at this intersection – Franklin & Brown	
Planning Dept. building change to arts & culture center. Not need offices in basement at sea level	
Give bike access to Wickford from Post Road	
Create a public market like Pike Place or Boston (can be elevated to accommodate SLR); something open all year	
Create other close by parking (walking distance). Make this walk interesting so it will be used	
Walking bridge here [from the south tip of Beach Rose Café to the parking lot]	
Waterfront walkway connecting Brown St. Bridge to Hussey Bridge	
Move parking lot inland (near library?) then make open space where parking lot used to be. Add kayak/paddle boat ramps	
Landscape this lot [parking lot]	
[on the parking lot] public space, green space with benches; Kayak/canoe put-in; event/gazebo area (photo op); beachy/rocky access for daring young kids; bathroom open more	
Marine check in with kiosk [ on the parking lot]	
More parking; we just took (3) spaces for a rock! [ on the parking lot]	
Coastal perennial landscape/seating	
Landscape Public Access along shoreline connect to town beach property	
More usable space for recreational activities along waterfront (park space, etc...)	
Seasonal outdoor dining; outdoor seasonal events	

**Waterfront : Wickford – CONTINUED**

Reduce size of this parking lot and provide additional parking at Wilson Park and WMS. Get people to walk through village

Stage at Brown St Wharf

Pedestrian Friendly

Allow businesses to stay open; Create some open space; Green space & seating, liquor license lot hours

More seating available/ grass areas to enjoy the boaters and water

Kiosk

More seating and picnic tables

More restaurants in Wickford after sewers go in...

Dredge Wickford Cove

Convert some more parking on Brown St to park, music, market space

More seating areas on water in Wickford.

Attractive Development to draw people to Wickford

**Waterfront : Town-wide**

**Total 32**

Canoe/kayak put-ins; signage to outdoor areas; parking at outdoor areas i.e. Chaffee Natural Preserve

Provide bike racks at end of bike path

Sandy beach (as opposed to mud)

More water recreation ... kayaks/paddle boarding

Create and publicize activity stations on trails or specific shoreline locations (i.e. Rome Point)

Access and signage for Wickford restaurants & outdoor Rec @ Jamestown Bridge Exit

Maintain trash and recycle receptacles

Water activities available to rent

New playground at the town beach

Perfect the way it is

More parking at Blue Beach, building bathrooms and changing rooms

West Bay bike path

As a new resident, I'm not even sure where we can go for beach access. I'd like to see more resources on this information with accessible beaches for townspeople and tourists that have good parking and safe beach access with family oriented activities.

Town beach needs upgrades.... more public access to the beaches as a whole

walkways or bike paths along the waterfront at any/all town waterfront locations

Bike path connecting from Mount view along the coast

Clean up the grassy area and playground at the town beach. Looks dumpy!

Biking paths connecting green spaces via power line right of ways

Pedestrian/bike access along entire coast for scenic bike ride

Natural-material seating and shelter along Rome Point trails and seashore

Clear communication on access points for kayakers

Better (clear, well maintained paths/ entrance access to public water points

I enjoy our waterfront

Better stands at Ryan park for games

More open space and access to the waterfront

Better advertising of all NK has to offer!

More sidewalks and bike paths connecting all roads to the beaches and parks; more bus services on Sunday uniting Wickford to Newport

Better promoting the waterfront areas. The Public does not even know they exist.

Extend bike path to provide greater pedestrian access to the waterfront area.

pedestrian access and restaurants on waterfront

Encourage development. The number one concern is high taxes. Only economic growth can reduce or stabilize taxes.

Better access to beaches for pedestrians and cyclists (people not driving a car)

**Q5. WICKFORD JUNCTION: How can we improve Wickford Junction?**

*Instructions: Using the map and a card choose three most important improvements for Wickford Junction.*

<b>Total Responses 180</b>	
<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Weighted</b>
BETTER TRANSIT (NK - PROVIDENCE - BOSTON)	59
PROGRAMMING (FARMERS MARKET, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES)	59
BIKE CONNECTIONS	53
A MIX OF USES (HOUSING & RETAIL & OFFICE)	49
RETAIL	29
PARK & RIDE / TRANSIT HUB	20
OPEN SPACE	18
OFFICES/WORKSPACE	14
OTHER: IN-TOWN SHUTTLE BUS	11
OTHER: IN-TOWN TRANSIT	11
SIGNAGE	9
OTHER: SIDEWALK	7
PUBLIC ART	5
OTHER: COMMUNITY CENTER; POSSIBLY SOCIAL SERVICES, HUB	3

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**  
**NORTH KINGSTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
**PUBLIC MEETING 3 and ONLINE SURVEY**  
**FEBRUARY 11 – 21, 2016**

**Q1. Do you support each the following goals?**

*Instructions: For each of the goals, indicate one of the following: "Yes, I support this goal," "Maybe, I would support this if...", or "No, I don't support this goal because..." If you answer "Maybe" or "No" tell us why. [Comments are located at the end.]*

	Yes (Total)	Yes (%)	Maybe (Total)	Maybe (%)	No (Total)	No (%)
CIRCULATION Goal 1: Design safer and more attractive roadways for all users	51	78%	9	14%	5	8%
CIRCULATION Goal 2: Promote alternative transportation options for better local and regional connections	50	72%	14	20%	5	7%
CIRCULATION Goal 3: Upgrade and maintain transportation infrastructure	49	79%	10	16%	3	5%
COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS Goal 1: Ensure high quality services that provide for health, welfare, education, and public safety	54	86%	8	13%	1	2%
COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS Goal 2: Maintain and upgrade town facilities to ensure access to and safe provision of services	45	69%	17	26%	3	5%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 1: Position North Kingstown as a competitive economic hub and good place for business	50	75%	16	24%	1	1%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 2: Leverage the success of Quonset as a jobs center for the benefit of the town as a whole	57	84%	9	13%	2	3%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 3: Encourage the development and redevelopment of existing commercial areas, mainly Post Road, Wickford Junction, and Wickford Village	45	73%	14	23%	3	5%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 4: Position North Kingstown as a tourist destination	41	62%	22	33%	3	5%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 5: Encourage place-specific, resource-based businesses, such as agriculture and marine-related industries, that enhance sense of place	60	88%	7	10%	1	1%
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES Goal 1: Protect and promote the town's historic assets	70	92%	3	4%	3	4%
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES Goal 2: Promote and foster local arts programs	58	85%	6	9%	4	6%
HOUSING Goal 1: Provide a range of housing choices to retain and attract diverse residents	37	54%	20	29%	12	17%

Q1. CONTINUED	Yes (Total)	Yes (%)	Maybe (Total)	Maybe (%)	No (Total)	No (%)
HOUSING Goal 2: Encourage residential development that is sensitive to environmental constraints, reflects town character, and supports walkable neighborhoods	63	93%	4	6%	1	1%
LAND USE AND ZONING Goal 1: Promote sustainable patterns of development that support walkable neighborhoods, thriving commercial areas, job growth, and access to natural assets	50	77%	13	20%	2	3%
LAND USE AND ZONING Goal 2: Focus growth in existing and designated growth areas that provide access to jobs, housing, services and transportation	54	79%	10	15%	4	6%
LAND USE AND ZONING Goal 3: Maintain town character and preserve natural resources while adapting to climate change conditions	55	81%	9	13%	4	6%
NATURAL HAZARD AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION Goal 1: Promote resilience and adaptation to natural hazards and a changing climate to protect lives, infrastructure, resources, and property	51	77%	10	15%	5	8%
OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 1: Protect, preserve, and restore natural resources	64	91%	5	7%	1	1%
OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 2: Promote sustainable water and energy measures to conserve resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	54	82%	9	14%	3	5%
OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 3: Increase public awareness on conservation and sustainability	54	86%	5	8%	4	6%
OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 4: Provide high quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents	51	81%	10	16%	2	3%
OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 5: Enhance public access to active open space, recreation areas and the waterfront	59	87%	7	10%	2	3%



**Q2. How should we commit our limited resources?**

*Instructions: Choose those actions you think are most important to complete first. Also, indicate next to just one action if it is something concerning which you would be willing to volunteer time and effort. [NOTE: Actions related to Natural Hazards and Climate Adaptation are folded into the other topic areas for this question.]*

	Votes	Volunteers
01) HOUSING: Encourage the development of: transit-oriented, walkable housing, senior housing & workforce housing.	12	0
02) HOUSING: Create and expand tools for new housing including a housing trust fund and density bonuses.	0	0
03) HOUSING: Upgrade / strengthen codes to require low-impact and conservation development in areas with existing infrastructure.	10	0
04) HOUSING: Change the zoning to allow accessory housing units and live/work spaces to accommodate changing household needs.	2	0
05) HOUSING: Continue to develop and implement programs to help people maintain and stay in their homes.	8	0
06) HOUSING: Encourage voluntary implementation of flood resilience measures and provide guidance and incentives to property owners and builders.	6	1
07) HOUSING: Create a housing task force to assess housing needs, address housing affordability and monitor progress.	1	0
08) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Develop an economic develop plan, marketing strategy and tools such as an economic revitalization/development fund and inventory of sites, incentives and regulatory information.	6	0
09) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Streamline regulations and regulatory process and implement LEAN findings.	10	0
10) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Support and promote small business by expanding shop local initiatives and developing training and incubation programs.	11	0
11) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Connect Quonset and North Kingstown by linking workers to Town events and businesses, and continuing to develop the Gateway as a mixed use center.	10	0
12) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Revitalize Post Road by addressing regulatory challenges including: zoning ordinance revision, utilities and easements, and connected parking lots.	26	1
13) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Revitalize Post Road by addressing physical challenges including: sewer installation, utilities and easements, complete streets redesign, landscaping, and property improvements.	30	2
14) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Enhance Wickford as a destination through improved connections, flood-resistant programming and public space, a waterfront walkway, boater amenities, sewers, and managed parking.	26	1
15) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Encourage activity and better connections at Wickford Junction through programming, complete streets improvements, and walkable mixed use development.	5	0
16) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Promote tourism through marketing, signage, and relationships with regional and state tourism industry.	6	0
17) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Implement agricultural preservation program and amend zoning to allow for new agricultural trends and activities.	8	0

Q2. CONTINUED	Votes	Volunteers
18) CIRCULATION: Develop integrated transportation plan and link top actions to state Transportation Improvement Program application.	4	0
19) CIRCULATION: Encourage Complete Streets design with sidewalks, safer crossings, and bike infrastructure where possible.	20	1
20) CIRCULATION: Expand the bike network and install bike racks at destinations.	6	3
21) CIRCULATION: Expand transit and alternative transportation options, including RIPTA service, carpooling, on-demand and senior car service, private shuttle.	6	0
22) CIRCULATION: Identify strategies to protect evacuation routes and prioritize roads currently and potentially impacted by flooding for inclusion on the state Transportation Improvement Program and town Capital Improvement Program.	1	0
23) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Reduce nutrient pollution through lawn alternatives such as pollinator habitats, green infrastructure for storm water management, septic system inspection and upgrades, and cesspool phase out.	6	0
24) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Conserve water through demand management techniques, irrigation regulations, and greywater reuse and rainwater harvesting for landscape irrigation.	4	1
25) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Preserve open space for natural resource protection and climate adaptation using purchase of land and development rights, land dedication, easements, and potential Purchase of Development Rights program.	20	2
26) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Encourage alternative energy solutions and cost-saving efficiency upgrades for residents, businesses and municipal operations and facilities.	8	1
27) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Continue town-wide environmental education through town committees, partnerships with North Kingstown schools, pilot projects and interpretative signage.	3	3
28) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Explore the creation of new recreation facilities including: pocket parks, indoor community and recreation center, open space and waterfront trails, and waterfront access points such as boat launches.	12	5
29) OPEN SPACE/ENVIRONMENT: Encourage the involvement of community organizations and businesses in the maintenance and beautification of parks and public spaces.	6	0
30) HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES: Maintain inventory of extant historic structures and identify priorities for rehabilitation, redevelopment and historic designation.	16	1
31) HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES: Promote town history and historic assets through tours, educational programs, signage, marketing, and partnerships with regional and state tourism efforts.	16	3
32) HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES: Support arts-related events and organizations, and expand arts programming for all age groups.	7	1
33) COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, COMMUNICATION: Develop a plan for consolidating town government and school offices in one location.	4	0

<b>Q2. CONTINUED</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
34) COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, COMMUNICATION: Increase waste diversion rate through precycling (i.e. reducing use of packaging, disposable products), recycling, and composting.	2	1
35) COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, COMMUNICATION: Develop a communication strategy that includes a user-friendly Town website and information infrastructure, social media, and regular communication with community and civic organizations.	9	3
36) COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, COMMUNICATION: Encourage youth involvement through volunteer or internship programs, and civics education in schools.	9	3
37) LAND USE/ZONING: Encourage mixed use and transit-oriented development that is connected to surrounding neighborhoods, commercial centers, and open space.	3	0
38) LAND USE/ZONING: Direct future growth and higher density development out of current flood zones and areas projected to be affected by sea level rise, and consider a sea level rise overlay zone to evaluate future land use proposals.	8	1
39) LAND USE/ZONING: Direct growth to areas with infrastructure by designating growth centers at Wickford Junction and Post Road, and revising Transfer of Development Rights to enable high density residential and commercial development in these receiving areas.	5	0
40) LAND USE/ZONING: Consider establishing a Redevelopment Agency to administer redevelopment projects within blighted areas of town and investigate incentive programs such as low-interest loans, density incentives, tax incentives and tax increment financing.	3	0
41) LAND USE/ZONING: Update Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations, and continue to enforce zoning and overlay standards.	1	1
42) LAND USE/ZONING: Plan regionally with neighboring Washington County towns and the State particularly for shared resources and transportation systems.	4	0

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COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO:

**Q1. Do you support each the following goals?**

*Instructions: If you answer "Maybe" or "No" tell us why.*

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**1. HOUSING Goal 1: Provide a range of housing choices to retain and attract diverse residents**

- 1 This isn't a town government responsibility. Support, perhaps, but let the free market provide.
- 2 Diversity is important -- we should be a welcoming and hospitable community.
- 3 If "diverse" = low income the town has met the quota for low income units and there have been empty units in town in that category.
- 4 Not the role of government.
- 5 Having affordable housing is a necessity so that just expensive homes are built. The town should not end up a Newport of building subsidized housing meccas en masse.
- 6 It is unclear what the goal in attracting diverse residents is.
- 7 I might be reading this wrong, but I am against section 8 expansion particularly signal rock neighborhood. First the neighborhood is not accessible to public transportation which makes no sense. Also trailer park homes should be recoded to meet the need for low income housing ratio. In addition, signal rock and my neighborhood consists of a strong middle class and very safe. I grew up in New York and saw many a neighborhood destroyed by section 8 expansion. I got educated and moved away from that. There is no exception to an increase in crime when section 8 is expanded to an area.
- 8 We currently have multiple options for affordable housing in Wickford and NK.
- 9 It would depend on the specifics in terms of location and type.
- 10 In terms of low-income housing, it is my understanding that North Kingstown has more than any of our immediate surrounding towns.
- 11 I support this goal, provided the location takes respects historic areas and is appropriate for the planned population density.
- 12 Sounds good, but we have been adequate in this area and neglectful in others
- 13 WE already have enough housing, we need more non-residential development to help our tax base improve.
- 14 North end of town is housing too much of low income properties
- 15 Depends on how you define "range of housing choices." I would say it's important to provide a range of housing options from "in town" to "rural" that vary on "walkability" - which is what you would want in town to preserved green space - which is what you would want in rural.
- 16 I the village, this would probably mean increasing the number of available apartments since the homes, in general, are very expensive. An increase in apartments would put a strain on the already limited parking available. Additionally, some of the houses currently used as apartments are not well maintained.
- 17 We have enough of a range. No more mobile home and low income housing!!!
- 18 It would increase crime
- 19 Not sure schools could handle

20 I agree with the goal of constructing affordable apartments and condos, as well as the many single-family home, but I do not think NK should expand low income housing.

21 Need to MAINTAIN historic assets

22 We can't maintain NK by allowing all sorts of housing choices. Low income housing residents can't support expensive boutiques in Wickford.

23 I agree, but I want to emphasize that diverse housing should be spread throughout the town. Different priced housing shouldn't be concentrated in different pockets, isolating economic groups.

24 People are looking for different things.

25 Not sure what this means exactly. More condos, no. More apartments above businesses, sure.

26 Difficult and complicated to achieve; not a priority

27 Less housing the better. Mixed is better than low and high income.

**2. HOUSING Goal 2: Encourage residential development that is sensitive to environmental constraints, reflects town character, and supports walkable neighborhoods**

1 Even residential development should not be overdone.

2 Environmental constraints are far too often stretched to the limit to allow development. Not all neighborhoods are walkable and to try and convert would be expensive and ruin the rural component of why people bought their particular property.

3 Not the role of government.

4 It would depend on what type and amount of development is needed and whether developing a residential neighborhood necessitated commercial development.

5 However, in a huge town such as North Kingstown walkable neighborhoods may not be as achievable. Priority should be in preserving historic buildings.

6 see #1

7 See above. North Kingstown is LARGE. Not all of it can or should be "walkable" - some of it should be preserved to be more rural with larger green spaces.

**3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 1: Position North Kingstown as a competitive economic hub and good place for business**

1 This should be the top goal.

2 Certain areas such as Quonset would be part of an economic hub, but I don't think all of North Kingstown should be positioned like this. Small business is better suited for most of the town.

3 Not if the character of the Town/Villages is compromised and turned into an urban sprawl.

4 Truck tolls on the roads are not going to help economic expansion or development.

5 The number 1 goal for economic development should be to invest in and establish a good quality school system.

6 Economic Development should come from the private sector. The Town should not be doing the marketing for commercial business.

7 Terrible idea. General economic development in NK has consistently favored new development of undeveloped land to the detriment of pre-existing sites. It is a losing strategy in the long term for the town's residents and only benefits developers.

8 It would depend on the operational definition of economic hub and what activities were required to make it one.

9 Not at the risk of changing the character of historic villages, landscapes and scenery.

10 More businesses in Quonset does not seem to affect our taxes appreciably, so not as high a priority as quality of life investment

11 Yes -- but not at the expense of the people who live here and make their home here. One of the things that detracts from North Kingstown are the perception of "decaying" or "dying" economic regions -- such as down Post Road. It is most important to revitalize that area, rather than develop new economic regions.

12 The word "hub" bothers me. I wouldn't want downtown Wickford to look like downtown East Greenwich. There can be economic areas/hubs which we already have in Quonset. I think overall the Town needs to help new business get started. Appropriate businesses in appropriate areas.

13 I very much support this goal but only in areas that already have failed businesses. I do not support further clearing of land to build more businesses. Use the vacant business lots on Post Rd

14 Not clear what "economic hub" entails

15 Limit businesses not fitting town character such as gambling, dog races.

16 No more new retail space. Use what we already have!

17 Concerned about over commercialization affecting the character of NK

18 Post Rd only. W Junction is awful due to non-small business appeal

**4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 2: Leverage the success of Quonset as a jobs center for the benefit of the town as a whole**

1 How?

2 And I would support mixed use to incorporate housing as well. It's beautiful out there!

3 There is really little control over Quonset as the Town of NK walked away many years ago and let the State of RI be the controlling entity. Development at Quonset has been slow and iffy since the base closed for a variety of reasons.

4 Homeowners want lower taxes and a good commercial base is a necessity. Quonset is our gem here for business growth but the businesses must pay their fair share of taxes and municipal services they use & impact.

5 It would require more information on what the Quonset business model was, how much voice the residents of NK had over development (what and where) and what were the implications for the character of the Town.

6 We should be careful that we used concert to benefit North Kingstown, rather than the other way around.

7 Big businesses do not help adequately

8 What do you mean by the success of Quonset as a jobs center? Currently, you have a very large, vacant commercial property there (old Lowe's building). I'm not sure what "model" you believe this represents... How do you see it as a benefit for the town? Dave's grocery and Wide World of Sports have both been significant contributors to this community.

9 The State of RI seems to get more benefits from Quonset that NK does?

10 Quonset is underutilized and is by far one of the best places in the state for new businesses.

11 Depends on how you would go about it.

**5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 3: Encourage the development and redevelopment of existing commercial areas, mainly Post Road, Wickford Junction, and Wickford Village**

1 How? This is fairly vague. Again, let the free market decide.

2 Wickford Junction also needs a housing component.

3 I encourage development of the Post Road existing commercial area, but not overdevelopment or big box stores. I feel there also should be restraint on the development of Wickford Village. Scale and character and retention of historic district is important there. I feel strongly against more commercial development at Wickford Junction, as I feel it is already overdeveloped. I dislike that whole area now because of the congestion.

4 Use the existing vacant properties in all 3 areas, promote businesses to use those properties rather than developing vacant land. Make sure that the incoming/moving businesses fit the neighborhood and area as it exists historically. Don't allow over development on a piece of property because someone has an idea, live with the Comprehensive Plan and quit changing it to fit a particular idea.

5 Wickford Junction is primarily residential and should be viewed as such. Wickford Village is heavily residential and new development should be sensitive to that (no roof-top bar!)

6 Things need to be done with care in Wickford

7 I am not in favor of the Wickford el project because of its size that is grossly out of character with Wickford. All other development in North Kingstown should be in character with the town. I am not looking to live in a Warwick-like town!

8 I am very much in support of developing and redeveloping Post Road and Wickford. Development at Wickford Junction would need to not be a slippery slope to commercial creep onto the other side of Rt 4 for it to be supported and should be done reflecting the character of the Town with a limit on types of businesses (e.g., big box, banks and chain stores) and encouragement of others (smaller, local businesses or restaurants).

9 The majority of the economic development should be in Wickford and on Post Road. Not in Wickford Junction. We are creating sprawl.

10 No, the town is not a good steward of these sites.

11 Wickford Junction, Post Road (between Ten Rod Road and East Greenwich), Quonset and Route 2 are excellent for general commercial development. Wickford Village should be restricted to smaller, owner operated stores and restaurants.

12 Wickford Junction ("Mini Warwick") should not have been built

13 Post Road needs to be re-developed. The coming of sewers will allow new projects that could not have been done earlier and it will improve the density which will help to make them financially viable.

14 Post Road needs attention before Wickford Junction. Post Road is adjacent to Quonset and from my perspective there is much room for viable business in the area.

15 Yes, but I would add that in Wickford Village, it is also important to maintain the historic nature of the town.

16 Post Road is in terrible shape and has a high volume of traffic. While redeveloping the existing and often empty commercial areas should be a priority, it has to go hand in hand with improving Post Road itself.

17 Redevelopment of existing and if it is in keeping with the town's character. I am very concerned with the old Victorians on West Main Ave and 102

18 Would support innovative and needed small business-not any more Walmarts

19 Some commercial areas should be converted back to open or less intrusive area

20 Development near aquifers must be restricted. Nitrate overload in Wickford Junction would pollute the aquifer it borders. Our largest and most valuable.

#### **6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 4: Position North Kingstown as a tourist destination**

1 Mainly but not entirely Wickford-- so this goal needs support from the other elements like transportation and marketing.

2 If commercial and residential development is restrained, I feel we would attract tourists just by the natural beauty of our surroundings and history.

- 3 Wickford/North Kingstown has been a destination for many years due to the character of Wickford Village, the restoration and care given to historic properties, and good harbor. The town does need a good marine supply store to support the marinas.
- 4 There are already many tourists that come to Wickford. More restaurants and parking are needed to support increases in tourism. The roads in Wickford are already bumper-to-bumper in the summertime.
- 5 Details as to how it would be positioned required.
- 6 See above
- 7 Depending on what it would mean to be a tourist destination.
- 8 This should be within the bounds of the nature of the particular area, in other words Wickford may not be an appropriate for a huge Disneyland type development, for example.
- 9 Historic Wickford Village should be made a draw for tourists. We need a tourist center in the village with information (walking maps, etc.) guiding them to the historic sites like the Main Street and the Narragansett Church. Right now, the just see Brown Street which is pleasant enough, but not worth a significant drive. They don't come for the shops, but if they come for the sites, they will surely eat and shop. A center could also guide them to Gilbert Stuart and Smith's Castle. If it were ambitious, it could be a tourist hub for South County, pointing out places like the great swamp. Kenyon's Grist Mill, etc. With or without the center, walking tours of the historic village at high-tourist times would be a nice draw.
- 10 Wickford ok but not the rest of town
- 11 As a tourist destination it is important to preserve the historic qualities of the town. The village needs tourists to survive. Very sad to see the multiple empty store fronts and a blighted area of garbage dumpsters and discarded buckets/chairs etc. between Green Ink and the sliver shop. Not inviting to tourists or to myself.
- 12 North Kingstown should primarily focus on being a great place for people to live. Although tourism can be a component of the economy of the town, we do not have enough attractions to have tourism be a primary focus of the town.
- 13 Definitely! I think the Annex would make a wonderful tourist headquarters.
- 14 I think there will be enough expense associated with other housing and economic initiatives.
- 15 Wise selection of which areas to promote as a "touristy" spot, Wickford is already congested, I prefer building up other locations such as Smith's Castle and Gilbert Stuart building.
- 16 Too much tourism without the infrastructure can lead to parking and other logistic problems. Also too much tourism can lead to cheap touristy souvenir pop-up businesses. So tourism is good but needs to be brought on responsibly.
- 17 I want other RI'ers to visit NK to utilize the recreational activities, leading to economic growth. Not necessarily hotels for vacationers.
- 18 Focus on specific destinations rather than the entire town as a tourist draw. COORDINATE special events to ensure no or few conflicts with parking / access / or traffic -- OR competing events that might unnecessarily draw business away from economic centers. Use tourist-related events in coordination with economic centers to get customers to NK businesses
- 19 Why bring more people to town? NK is not a tourist attraction.
- 20 Although tourism is great, NK is residential and quiet. I'm not sure that will change too much.
- 21 Tourism is not a priority. Wickford is promoted by many other organizations. Unnecessary use of money.
- 22 Concerned about over commercialization affecting the character of NK

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Goal 5: Encourage place-specific, resource-based businesses, such as agriculture and marine-related industries, that enhance sense of place**

- 1 Too restrictive. Why only these? Who are we to decide the winners?



2 In addition to general economic development.

3 use the existing vacant buildings first!

4 This sounds like it could be a good idea, but it is not clear a clear goal.

5 Schartner farms has been a vital part of this community - and was part of what drew us to settle in this town. The Farmer's market has also been an important part of this community for us. Where I went to college, there were industries that were linked to educational opportunities and the environment - such as marine locations that help support biology studies in the school, provided tourist opportunities to observe or participate in fishing, and were also an industry in their own right, selling to local markets and restaurants.

6 The Town Dock (located at end of Main St.) is established as a dock for commercial vessels. I think this should be promoted and the parking area could be used to help the fishermen sell their catch. If it were connected to the Wickford area through an over-the-water walkway, it would be beautiful.

7 Expand goal to allow internet based companies to grow any place

8 In moderation. Too much sense of place can be overkill. Sometimes a nice waterfront bar is just as good as a fish hatchery.

9 concentrated businesses would create a hub in that industry -- isolated businesses would have less impact.

**8. CIRCULATION Goal 1: Design safer and more attractive roadways for all users**

1 Again, vague.

2 A high priority!

3 The most unsafe roadways in North Kingstown are State roads.

4 More bikeways and pedestrian friendly paths are needed to ensure safety of those who use those areas.

5 Post Road is a debacle with the amount of stop lights that are never in sync and make this town so much like a Warwick strip instead of a suburban town.

6 For the most part I support this, particularly along Post Road. There is some concern that some prior suggestions to changing roadways would actually become more problematic and work against the character of the Town.

7 Reducing Post Road and other major thru ways to one lane is not wise, & I don't think most residents support that. I also think it is a huge mistake to put in a rotary at the intersection of 102 and 2.

8 This implies roadways for cars. I support bikeways and walkways.

9 There are a few roadways that could be made more attractive (e.g. Route 1), but I find most driving in the town to be quite beautiful, fitting this place. I am unaware of a significant traffic safety problem. Though there may be some very specific locations that need to be addressed, as a general goal, this goal sounds like a solution in search of a problem,

10 Again - depends on what you mean by this. I do not want traffic lanes increased, as that only serves to increase the volume of traffic -- which is not necessarily a good thing. There are some intersections, however, that are dangerous - and I think we often lack adequate sidewalks to encourage people to walk in the community.

11 There are transportation experts that could deal with this. I'm not qualified. The plan showed many variations for highway plans.

12 Maintain the roads we have that's about it. We don't need some big plan that will cost millions

13 Post Road south is at max capacity and [unclear] is not best answer needs wider road [unclear] utilities

14 Not necessarily a priority based on cost

**9. CIRCULATION Goal 2: Promote alternative transportation options for better local and regional connections**

- 1 Tired of subsidizing transportation. I would support this if it didn't drive up taxes.
- 2 Saying yes to bike routes and better bus stops with this "yes" vote.
- 3 Since RIPTA and MBTA have restricted schedules this is difficult. The day the train station opened in 2012 promises were made to have weekend service. As it is now a family cannot go to a concert and come home to Wickford afterwards, but they can get to Providence MAYBE afterwards.
- 4 More bus service and trains need to run more frequently out of Wickford Junction, especially on weekends and up to Boston.
- 5 This should be the number 1 goal.
- 6 Must be realistic, recognizing that we have a long winter season that impairs pedestrians and bikes.
- 7 Not sure with all other stated goals this would be fiscally possible
- 8 Would need to have more specifics on options.
- 9 If there is significant demand for such options, I would agree, but I see NK as not densely populated enough to have a high enough demand to support an ongoing system.
- 10 better choices in train schedules to Boston and New York.
- 11 Most of this goal would require support from areas outside of our control. For example, I work in Providence -- and although we have the train station here -- I would not use it -- as it is very difficult to get from the train station in Providence to my place of work. I would enjoy, however, having more opportunity to take the train from Wickford to Boston (or to New York) for weekend trips.
- 12 Not sure what you mean.
- 13 That means more money spent on nonsense. Wickford Junction Rail is a waste and vastly underused
- 14 This is important but not a top priority for me. I do think it is important that we ensure that residents without cars or those in lower income housing are able to access schools and town resources easily.
- 15 Wholeheartedly
- 16 Robert Moses made the highway overpasses to Long Island's parks and beaches too low to allow busses to get through thus preventing the character of the parks from being turned into a circus carnival. So we should tread carefully about how much and where this access is provided.
- 16 No one would use it

**10. CIRCULATION Goal 3: Upgrade and maintain transportation infrastructure**

- 1 Maintain is an 'of course'. What needs upgrading?
- 2 What does this mean -- roads? Train station? Bus stops? The train station is new-- of course needs upkeep but is that local? Confused by this one.
- 3 Paving and drainage on many of the town owned streets do need to be upgraded. The Town needs to figure out how to pay for this without driving homeowners out of town with increased taxes.
- 4 I am concerned about the 10' lane width. It is already very tight on Post Rd. South, especially between state police and west main St. If lanes are tighter than existing 10'5" lanes there will be more accidents.
- 5 Would need to know more about what needed to be upgraded.
- 6 As long as the owner of (for example), the train station does not rely on the residents of North Kingstown to pay for the station, I am comfortable with that.

- 7 I don't know what this means.
- 8 See response above.
- 9 Bus service needs to have a stop in Wickford because Wickford Junction not connected
- 10 This is a rather ambiguous goal. Should be decomposed further.

**11. OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 1: Protect, preserve, and restore natural resources**

- 1 Too vague again. At what cost? Whose opinion? Too broad..put this in perspective...
- 2 Quit tearing up vacant land for development of shopping centers/combined use centers and use the existing vacant properties. Keep the rural character of the town.
- 3 Buying up open space can drive up the cost of real estate and housing development. Good for those who have invested in their homes, bad to affordable housing.
- 4 Far too often we see individuals being denied permission to build one single house in an area due to water concerns and then shortly after the town successfully receives permission to build some large project in the watershed.
- 5 Part of the reason we chose North Kingstown was the beauty and open green spaces. I have spent many days in Wickford park, on the bike trail, and down by the beach. I choose to commute to Providence because it is important for me to live and be closer to green spaces and natural resources.
- 6 I do not support this goal if it means clear cutting existing land to make open space. I am extremely unhappy with the new rec fields at Quonset. The destruction of acres of land for a ball park that already exists at the end of Signal Rock and is not maintained
- 7 a no-brainer
- 8 I feel this goal would be a natural beneficiary of focusing on the other economic development goals, i.e. if we focus on redeveloping existing commercial resources, there will be no stress on existing open space.
- 9 Regarding OS1 - 5, More focus and emphasis on urban and community forestry and trees generally.

**12. OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 2: Promote sustainable water and energy measures to conserve resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

- 1 We already pay enough in utility bills.
- 2 Yes the town should provide rain barrels to all taxpayers who wish to participate just as they provide recycle bins. The Town should also be considering as they replace fleet vehicles the person/department using said vehicle, not everyone needs a 4 wheel drive big SUV. Cutting some of the fuel costs.
- 3 I don't think that reducing greenhouse gas emissions should be a priority of the Town.
- 4 WE NEED SEWERS
- 5 Within limits...for example, some of the climate change legislation is extremely crippling financially for businesses.
- 6 Yes - but you also have to be aware of the impact of some of these measures on people nearby -- and are those measures going to benefit the entire town and not just one person.
- 7 Green energy is an excuse for our govt to spend tax payer dollars on a made up crisis
- 8 This is important, but seems secondary to some of the other goals listed.
- 9 another no-brainer
- 10 Incorporate guidelines where wind turbine cannot go -- examples: town beach or library but could go to school grounds

11 As long as it is not regulated, mandated or causes our taxes to go up

12 This can be a complex systems problem, and good sounding actions may have unintended consequences. Actually I'd live to move my dot from maybe to no.

**13. OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 3: Increase public awareness on conservation and sustainability**

1 Really? We have enough non profits already doing this.

2 Partner with state (DEM) PR efforts -- we only have so much to spend.

3 If it makes sense and is affordable to the homeowner.

4 Frankly, I do not feel it is the role of government to spend taxpayer money to "teach" the taxpayers about whatever particular agenda the government has.

5 As a general goal, I support it, but I don't see what NK can do over and above what is done at the state and national level, both public and private.

6 Who would actually do this and with what expertise?

**14. OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 4: Provide high quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents**

1 Too vague. What is high quality? Is it more than we already have? Cost? Trade offs?

2 Where is the money going to come from? The town didn't not have the money years ago to utilize the athletic/theater/pool area at Davisville.

3 Waste of taxpayer money.

4 I believe we already have an amazing amount of these facilities available.

5 Taxes are quite high in North Kingstown, and while I would love to see the town have a swimming pool or skating rink, I am cognizant of residents who can no longer afford to live here due to taxes.

6 Yes this would be a good investment, much better than an unnecessary new town hall.

7 Parks, playgrounds, the town beach, walking paths, nature preserves, senior centers etc. I strongly support. Sports, complexes and the like should come from small businesses.

8 We do this now! The only item that I would support would be a public pool like the one that the City of Cranston has.

9 Increase waterfront access. Wickford has one of the best harbors on the bay and is centrally located. We need to increase access for all.

10 Maintain what we have

11 I would like to highlight ALL residents - not just the ones with a lot of money.

12 we have a lot of great spaces now

13 Better in fewer high quality than many mediocre (i.e. watering ballfields)

14 Not best use of budget and land use. Not a priority.

15 Switch order with next goal. We have great rec opportunities. Need more access.

**15. OPEN SPACE AND THE ENVIRONMENT Goal 5: Enhance public access to active open space, recreation areas and the waterfront**

1 High priority.

2 Yes have the town engineer go back and re-claim all the right of ways to the water that have been taken over by homeowners.

3 public access to waterfront that is for town residents only.

4 I already find this accessible, so I don't know what you mean by "enhance public access."

5 Have to keep in mind the privacy of nearby homeowners, traffic flow, safety, etc.

6 There is plenty of access

7 I am not a believer of the "if you build it, they will come" policy.

8 Recreation facilities -- purposeful - attract visitors - good for business - help youth development

9 Switch order with previous goal. We have great rec opportunities. Need more access.

**16. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES Goal 1: Protect and promote the town's historic assets**

1 Cost? Trade offs? What assets? Again, too vague.

2 Shameful state of town buildings is unfortunate and should not have been allowed to occur.

3 If the historical aspect and assets of this town are torn down/facades changed then urban sprawl takes over in the attempt to "build business"

4 Sell town assets and cut taxes is a better idea.

5 The Town has a lot of high-maintenance properties that would be better off in private hands.

6 It would be a shame to allow the town's historic buildings to be abandoned as we have seen happen in the recent past.

7 The town needs to celebrate and maintain its own historic properties, leading and supporting the private owner preservationists who have invested much more on a proportion of assets basis.

8 Very much so. Wickford village in particular, bit other assets throughout the town. I can't think of any other place in RI or nearby where one can walk around and get so much a feel for what a colonial federal village was like. The area of town east of route 1, from Wilson Park in the north to Beach Street in the South is fragile and its character can easily be ruined. The current plans for Wickford Elementary in particular could leave a permanent scar on the historic ambiance of this place. A similar threat for the town hall and annex is potential, but real. I am not a "don't change anything" person, but I lived away from South County for 45 years and have returned with a much greater appreciation of just how special Wickford is.

9 Highest priority. Wickford El should have been reclaimed. The no vote to turn it into a Town Hall was lobbied for by groups trying to get it back to a school. We should vote again.

10 Depends on what you call "assets." The Town Beach is an asset but it's not historic. Historic churches are lovely and should be controlled by their congregations and supported by the Town. Don't like Historic Zoning as they dictate too much to the homeowner in details they are not qualified to control.

11 However, I feel the HDC is heavy handed in their application of the Dept of Interior guidelines for the preservation of historic places. We have to remember the village is families first, historic homes second.

12 The HDC operates like a tyrant rather than a support to historic home owners.

13 NK's history is trivial. It's not wise to protect the history in lieu of economic development. God is not making any more land ya know.

**17. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES Goal 2: Promote and foster local arts programs**

1 Non profit groups ok...not tax dollars

2 Cultural activity beyond the annual arts festival would be helpful.

3 The Art Association does a wonderful job of promoting art. We have many talented artists in this town who support in many ways.

4 Not if it increases our taxes.

5 Again, although I love and enjoy the arts community in Wickford, I feel the role of government should be more minimal. Taxpayers should not be paying, as they are at the state level, for example for sound systems of bird noises at a state court house.

6 In conjunction with bringing business to historic Wickford Village

7 We already do a lot + it should be volunteer based. We have more pressing matters.

8 Unless it's blues or jazz don't waste my tax dollars on the arts.

**18. COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS Goal 1: Ensure high quality services that provide for health, welfare, education, and public safety**

1 Again, who defines high quality? Is sufficient good enough?

2 We have a great library, schools, and both local and state police presence -- support for economically disadvantaged is where effort is most needed. I would like to see an element to address military and veteran populations.

3 This is more money - The Senior Center provides great service to the Seniors. Bridging the Gap is working with at risk youth. Perhaps add some personnel to the NKPD to be able to round up some of the drug dealers in town.

4 This seems like it has largely been done with a new senior center and housing projects.

5 need more information

6 Don't we already have oversight of these services?

7 Taxes are already too high for very few services i.e. no trash pickup

8 Expensive; sometimes the best use of taxpayers money

**19. COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS Goal 2: Maintain and upgrade town facilities to ensure access to and safe provision of services**

1 Very high priority.

2 The historic buildings/assets of the town need to be maintained and used. The budget needs reflect the needs and importance of maintenance. Town employees of the Buildings and Maintenance need to be able to do some of the regular maintenance, not just mow lawns and shovel snow.

3 The present town hall needs to be preserved, not demolished. It should be made safe for all who work there or use the facility, but not to the detriment of a historic structure.

4 Again I believe we have adequate facilities for residents currently.

5 Save the town hall and annex as they exist today!!!

6 I support this goal, but it should go hand-in-hand with goal 16.

7 ????

8 "Maintain all public buildings. Our historic public buildings have been neglected for many years and now a knee jerk reaction has taken over some members of the town council. Preserve, upgrade, maintain the facilities that we now have in our community. It is not in the best interest of our town to abandon our heritage. Wickford El should be an example of a poor decision leading to the neglect of the building. Wickford is a gem and is enhanced by the historic town hall and annex building."

- 9 I don't know what the issues are with the town facilities and why that would limit access to services.
- 10 All the Town offices should be in one place.
- 11 Maintain the current Police and Fire facilities and upgrade the town hall without moving.
- 12 Maintain yes
- 13 I support maintaining and upgrading current town facilities, such as the Town Hall, Annex and the schools, but don't support a new government center.
- 14 would depend upon what facility
- 15 Too open ended, need more specific action item

**20. COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS Goal 3: Share information effectively and expand the town's civic infrastructure**

- 1 The website needs help, although info is there is you hunt -- but that can't be the only communications outreach -- need a lot of work in this area.
- 2 "Civic Infrastructure" would begin with elected officials/town employees hearing and acting on the will of the taxpayers. Transparency.
- 3 I would support more regional between towns of these services...we are building fiefdoms in towns now and it is not cost effective long term with the growth of tax burden
- 4 See above
- 5 Maintain but not upgrade because this could be interpreted to mean new facilities.
- 6 I support this goal, but is should go hand-in-hand with goal 16.
- 7 Maintain town facilities that we now own. The access and safe provision of services will follow if the many years of neglect are tended to now.
- 8 Based on all debate and delays of town hall not sure we have leadership that can get this done within budget and on time
- 9 This is the exact same goal as #19 -- see my answer to the one above.
- 10 see above
- 11 Maintain yes
- 12 repeat of #19
- 13 same question as above
- 14 Unclear good.
- 15 Unsure of definition of civic infrastructure (cost?)

**21. NATURAL HAZARD AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION Goal 1: Promote resilience and adaptation to natural hazards and a changing climate to protect lives, infrastructure, resources, and property**

- 1 Too vague. What measures? Cost? Trade offs?
- 2 Should be incorporated into building codes and permitting. Can't be left to voluntary compliance.
- 3 Building codes are providing more resilience to hazardous weather conditions/building in flood zones. Need to be enforced though, not overlooked. Building the Senior Center in a flood zone was the most stupid move the Town could make for some of the

most vulnerable citizens, it is not available for any evacuations support and is one of the first places to be shut down in an emergency.

4 This is too difficult for Wickford.

5 Again -- not sure what you are asking with this. I do think the town needs to think through measures to respond to floods, blizzards, and other natural disasters, particularly as weather becomes increasingly unstable.

6 Broad question. What exactly do you mean?

7 will suffer the consequences if we don't

8 Don't burden those that are already responsive. Tax payers should not foot the bill for those reaping the benefits now of water front property.

9 Must look long term and spend wisely (could be wasteful)

**22. LAND USE AND ZONING Goal 1: Promote sustainable patterns of development that support walkable neighborhoods, thriving commercial areas, job growth, and access to natural assets**

1 No more developments/subdivisions. There is plenty of property in town that needs to be re-habbed/re-used. There are lots all over that could support a home fitting into that area. Thriving commercial areas - USE what is already there and vacant."

2 Not everyone wants to live in an urban setting. We love the quiet nature of the sod farms around us.

3 This sounds promising, but the patterns of development would need to be clearly specified.

4 It would depend on the type of zoning and location.

5 I have seen some of these regulations utilized by local boards to circumvent traditional zoning laws in what I feel is in opposition to the public's wishes.

6 See all comments above. I agree with this statement in theory, but have seen the town often try to "twist" this goal into a way to justify over developing this area.

7 Sustainable developments in existing areas

8 Unknown costs; may not be best use of taxpayer money

**23. LAND USE AND ZONING Goal 2: Focus growth in existing and designated growth areas that provide access to jobs, housing, services and transportation**

1 Zoning already does this. Free market.

2 Growth has to be restrained. We have the potential to overdevelop. I am not totally supportive of designated growth areas as it pushes development of natural land. It is nice to have open spaces throughout the town.

3 Focusing growth in this area will isolate existing neighborhoods and areas of town that are vital to the character of the town.

4 This should be market driven.

5 Agree with focusing growth along Post Road and Wickford and to the most part Wickford Junction as long as it stops at Route 4

6 With the caveat expressed above.

7 Mostly yes, but I don't know what is designated as a growth area, so goal 16 is of concern.

8 I believe it is important to focus on the assets we now own. Repair, upgrade, maintain.

9 Same response as #22



- 10 Yes existing areas yes
- 11 Too open ended, need more specific action item
- 12 I disagree with increasing housing. We have to increase access to other towns or redevelop existing areas.

**24. LAND USE AND ZONING Goal 3: Maintain town character and preserve natural resources while adapting to climate change conditions**

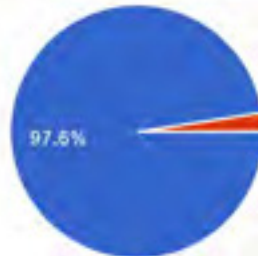
- 1 Climate change? Why do we include a theory in a plan? What are we really looking at? Storm surges? Flooding? Try to be specific without including the PC theory....
- 2 Yes maintain the town character.
- 3 Wickford Village is our gem and needs to be preserved for future generations.
- 4 The type of adaptation intended by this should be clarified.
- 5 Depends on what is meant by adapting to climate change conditions. Would not agree with adding more turbines.
- 6 Out of all the goals noted I would spend less time and money on this and fix the many others noted first
- 7 Again - this is a very vague statement, and I'm not sure how this would be operationalized.
- 8 Too open ended, need more specific action item
- 9 There is a trade-off here. We may want to change the town character some if it allows better / more affordable mitigations
- 10 Should be goal #1. Preservation of local culture and natural resources.

## 13. RESIDENT SURVEY 2015

- Raw Data - 662 Responses

### Resident Survey

Do you live in North Kingstown?



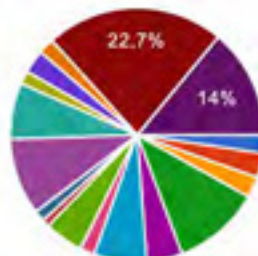
Yes	<b>646</b>	97.6%
No	<b>16</b>	2.4%

How long have you lived in North Kingstown?



Less than 1 year	<b>13</b>	2%
1-5 years	<b>84</b>	13%
6-10 years	<b>95</b>	14.7%
11-20 years	<b>189</b>	29.3%
21-30 years	<b>121</b>	18.7%
More than 30 years	<b>144</b>	22.3%

Where do you live?



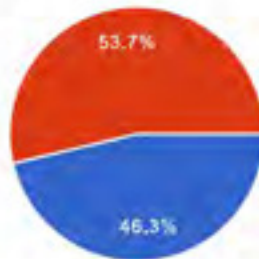
Allenton	<b>15</b>	2.3%
Annaquatucket	<b>20</b>	3.1%
Belleville	<b>17</b>	2.6%
Davisville	<b>72</b>	11.2%
Hamilton	<b>29</b>	4.5%
Lafayette	<b>43</b>	6.7%
Mount View	<b>12</b>	1.9%
North End	<b>32</b>	5%
Plum Beach	<b>6</b>	0.9%
Poplar Point	<b>9</b>	1.4%
Quidnesset	<b>63</b>	9.8%
Saunderstown	<b>46</b>	7.2%
Scrabletown	<b>11</b>	1.7%
Slocum	<b>19</b>	3%
South End	<b>13</b>	2%
Wickford	<b>146</b>	22.7%
Other	<b>90</b>	14%

**Do you own or rent your home?**



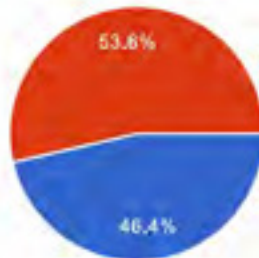
Own	<b>596</b>	92.3%
Rent	<b>50</b>	7.7%

**Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you?**



Yes	<b>298</b>	46.3%
No	<b>346</b>	53.7%

**Have you had any children enrolled in North Kingstown's public school system within the past 3 years?**



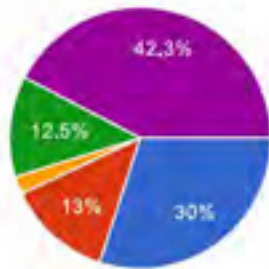
Yes	<b>296</b>	46.4%
No	<b>342</b>	53.6%

**Are you a wage earner?**



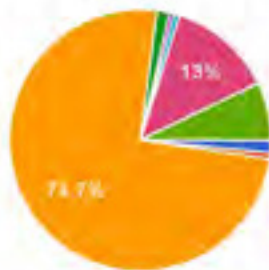
Yes	<b>526</b>	81.7%
No	<b>118</b>	18.3%

### Where do you work?



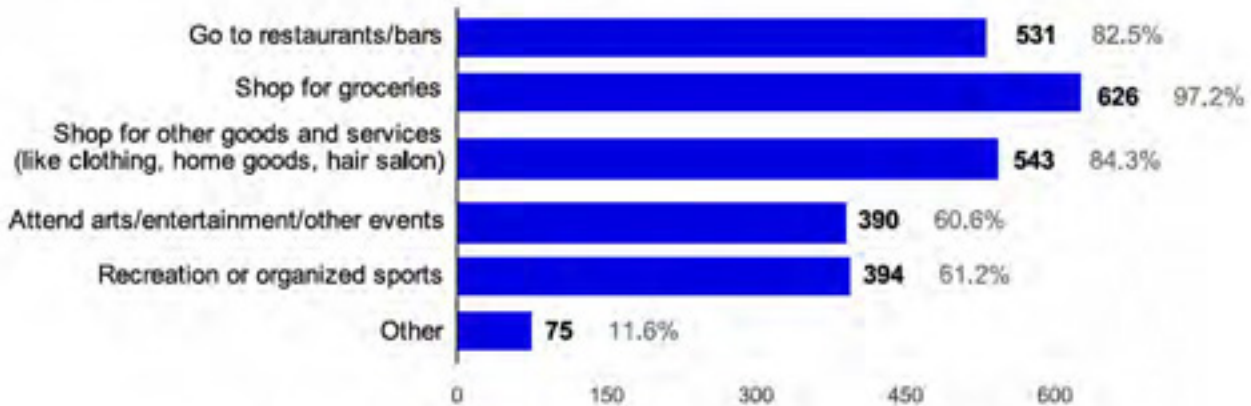
North Kingstown	178	30%
Providence	77	13%
Boston	13	2.2%
N/A	74	12.5%
Other	251	42.3%

### How do you primarily get to work?

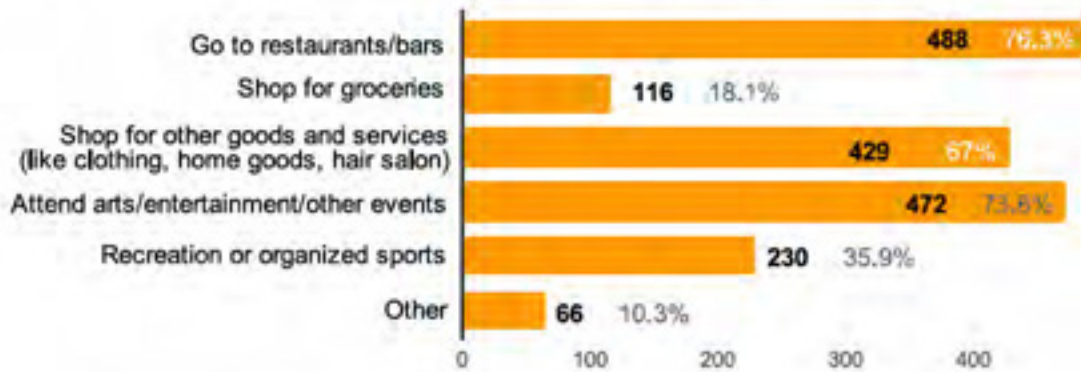


Walk	9	1.6%
Bike	4	0.7%
Drive alone	426	74.7%
Carpool	9	1.6%
RIPTA bus	3	0.5%
MBTA train	4	0.7%
Work at home	74	13%
Other	41	7.2%

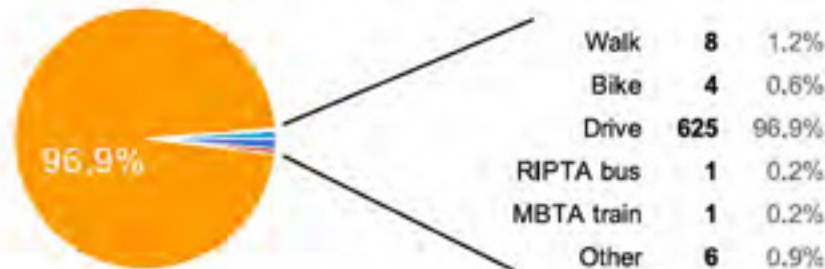
### What activities do you do in North Kingstown?



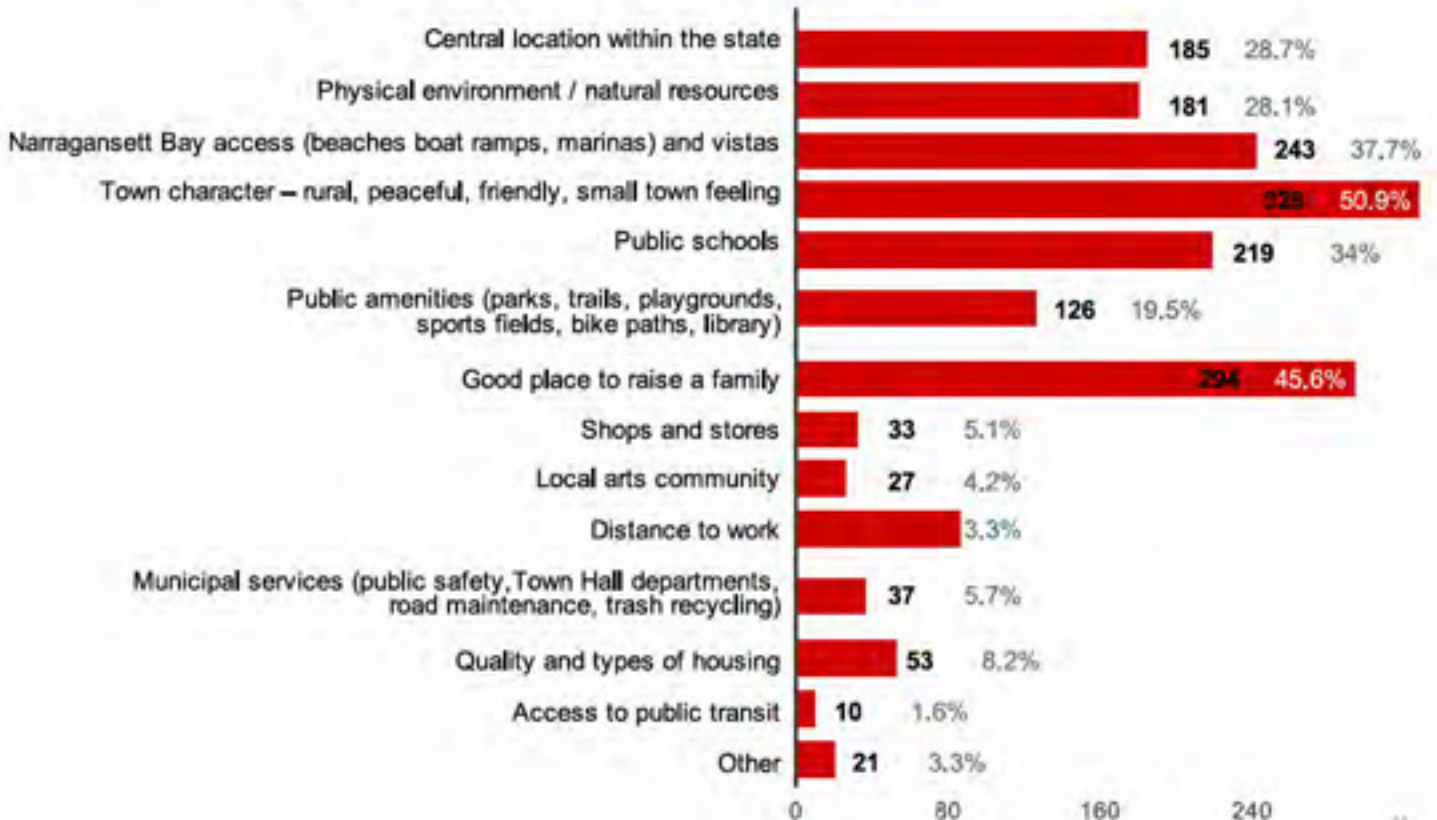
### What activities do you need to leave North Kingstown for?



### How do you primarily get to activities, shopping, and services?



### What do you like BEST about living in North Kingstown?



## Why did you choose those three?

N/A

Quality of life

They are important to me

I had hopes that the town would have grown even better, but its become so vacant of culture, foods, etc, that location and love of my neighbors are the only reasons we've stayed. The new Wendy's is a dreadful reminder of how poorly our town has been planned, managed and directed. Moving from another state with kids always means looking at schools first. Love access to the Bay and proximity to entire state. Glad moved to NK instead of EG - more laid back.

We choose to move here because of the location and the high quality of the public school system. We were fortunate to also have our youngest child enrolled in a local charter school which was the absolute best place for his needs and development.

I enjoy that I live in what feels like a rural environment , near farms etc. yet I have great highway access. I don't want any more development in NK besides giving Post Road a facelift.

Close to work for both of us... One in Warwick and one in NK. Great house builder, Dave Cote Good neighborhood, schools and convenient to highway and back roads

When we bought the house in 1983 it was a good place to raise a family

I have 2 young children and want to raise them in a place like NK....

rural, peaceful, friendly, small town feeling

Because public safety (fire department) is honestly disgusting the trucks and stations are appalling. The police are great.. The town is growing but business isn't. I live in Wickford and would love for it to mirror Main St in EG

NK is a great town to raise kids. Good opportunity for sports and recreation. I don't feel NK has any small town charm, especially in the north end which seems more urban than suburban. I feel NK has no decent activities for adults. Wickford is a waste of waterfront realty and offers nothing for young adults, we leave NK for eating out. The town should probably beef up its Fire and Police in the north end, seems like it's a hotbed for that kind of activity.

We love the small town, rural feel of NK. To have that feeling, but only 20 minutes from both Providence and Newport is really great. Living in a community on Narragansett Bay is also a real treat. Sitting at NK Town Beach or walking through Wickford is just about the most relaxing thing there is to do RI. Wickford is a hidden gem.

chose more than three. NK has so much to offer.

1. I like having a 10 minute scenic commute to work. 2. I utilize the library and Ryan park regularly and luckily my friends and neighbors let me cut through their yards so I don't have to walk on roads where there are no side walks. Shame on NK for not installing sidewalks at least on BNeck Road so HS kids don't have to walk on that raceway during snow and icy conditions! 3. I have boats and love to play on the bay.

Why wouldn't I?

over 40 yrs in town, Providence native... can you figure it out ??

Because you asked me what I liked best.

Like the area. Have a RIPTA busstop in front of my home when I no longer drive.

Love, Boating and local shops.

The most important.

It was difficult to narrow it down but I finally chose the three that seemed to best fit the life my husband and I have had. Our children walked to school, to the beach, to the library and to church. They enjoyed everything our town has/had to offer. We continue to enjoy these aspects of our town. Schools are the most important factor in choosing where to live. Also, it's important to me and my family to live in a small town with friendly people and a rural feeling.

Grew up in North Kingstown in a historic house in the village. Small town with community connections and commitments. Excellent public schools. Going forward we need to concentrate on revitalizing the town where it is already developed and NOT continue to bend the rules and allow new super developments that remain unfinished and have destroyed historic landmarks because they could or did not meet timelines as presented in the Planning hearings.

Because they are the most important to me.

We moved from out of state and I have lived in four other states. We compare and contrast and moved too no for the above along with the schools. We are prepared to move as others due to taxes on s.s. Death tax structure and cost of living. If you change the character of this town you will make my decision and others easier

We moved to NK, and the particular location within NK because it was in a rural area with no high density businesses or retail stores in the immediate vicinity. NK was small enough, however, that it was easy to get to everything we needed, as well as public amenities. We were also starting school with our children and had looked at the school ratings which were some of the highest in the State. We have had several concerns with the character of Town officials though since moving and the apparent failure to listen to Townspeople feedback. As such, we are very concerned with development that would change the character of the rural area in which we live.

I was raised in North Providence and after I graduated college I knew I did not want to live anyplace that even remotely resembled North Providence. I love nature, quiet, grass, trees, birds, gardens.

My big fear is the Post Road is beginning to look like Mineral Spring Avenue, one of the ugliest (if not THE ugliest) road in the state. We have to be careful not to commit the sin of overdevelopment, driving the wildlife from their habitats and risking e-coli in our water supply as a result.

We wanted to live in neighborhood with a rural feel. We wanted easy access to South County and the bay. Along with a good school system made NK the choice for us. If I could have chosen 4 items, I would have selected the public schools.

Kids/grandkids At Southwick Town beach & senior center.

Knowing the state fairly well, I find North Kingstown to be less crowded, more clean, and overall perfectly located to get anywhere.

The beauty of the town is what keeps me here.

I choose those three because they are important to me and where I live

My wife and I are teachers at a local private school, and we wanted our children to attend a quality public school program. Girls are currently in Hamilton Elementary and Wickford Middle School and both are thriving! Sports rec programs and NK Soccer associations big pluses as well.

I don't want to live in a city or crowded suburb with strip malls and national chains!!!

These are the things I appreciate the most about where I live. Given a fourth option, I would have chosen public schools. We have excellent schools, with great teachers and administrators. Schools were not among my top three only because I have had to send my son to an independent school, as his advanced academics could not be addressed in NK.

My family has lived on the same land since the 1800s, there are many reasons why I live here those being just 3 of the reasons.

Location, primarily. Lovely neighborhood.

I don't want to have neighbors close, I work hard for my privacy and if NK turned into a big city I would move.

These have been very good reasons to STAY in North Kingstown, but they are definitely GOING DOWN HILL. North Kingstown is bringing in more low income housing, families, etc which is bringing down the overall quality of the town. The town is not as safe anymore, has more loitering, more people begging for money, and I am not pleased with this. This was a town with families who worked hard to live here and raise families. Bringing in all this low income housing is really putting a strain on the town as well as the overall safety. We have never had to lock our doors.. now we do. We have never had to worry about kids playing outside, now we do. Yes, the world has changed, but a lot of crime does come with the stigma of low income housing. Hearing someone overdosed off navy drive and then was dumped underneath the stair well.. that is not something I want my kids hearing about in school!!!!!!!!

Great place to raise a family. This is how it was 16 years ago when I moved here.

Great Schools

I'm a retired senior and those things are important to me at this time of my life.

Moved here because of school system. Don't want to live in overcrowded area. Good place to raise a family is a huge priority.

We chose North Kingstown to be close enough to my place of work (Providence) - but be far enough from the city so that we could enjoy outdoor life, the ocean, open spaces, and a healthy environment for raising children.

they matter most



These are the reasons we moved here.

Chose to live here because it is rural. Lately it has gone downhill and looks like Detroit as all the businesses have been driven out. Groceries and lumber can be shopped locally, but most everything else is overpriced or not adequate selection.

I grew up here and those are the most important factors for me.

Like shopping in Wickford and the neighborhood with beach access where I live. Also like the people here, a friendly bunch.

Family values

Born and raised here. Now that children are grown and we are nearing retirement we are finding it necessary to leave. Taxes are way too high and newcomers are trying to change all that was good about Wickford!!!!

It is unique to have access to a protected harbor off a protected bay. Schools are good, though our kids are in private school in early education.

Things that I enjoy

Wickford is on the waterfront, excellent for boating, lots of marinas. It is extremely safe, and a very nice environment to live and work in. I can walk to work.

Unique living in old houses and having a village (small shops and local restaurants) in walking distance.

Nearing retirement and these issues, among others, are important.

My children attended Stony Lane, Davisville Middle and NKHS and I think they received a wonderful education. I lived near Schartner Farms and it was a wonderful place for my kids to grow up, play and eventually work. I have always loved Wickford and am thrilled to actually be able to live here now that my kids are on their own. The arts and small town feeling are just what I love.

These are reasons I have stayed this long.

Now that I'm retired, I have more time to appreciate the natural world. However, public schools are important; both my kids went to NK schools. I fear that low tax activists will always try to cut the school budget, which I believe is the most important funding requirement in the Town.

That is what I like about Wickford. It is what bought me here 51 years ago.

like them

My husband and I chose North Kingstown 15 years ago because of its rural character, charming Wickford town center, and excellent schools. I like being close to the bay, and I like that I can go to Dave's, the Y, or most places in town and see people I know. There's a small-town feeling and a strong sense of community that makes living here appealing. I am not happy about seeing every patch of open land turned into housing and other development. It's depressing to see what used to be trees and grass torn up and replaced with housing and commercial development. I chose NK because of its rural characteristics.

I moved to town in 1976 because I liked the feel of Wickford. It was the small town atmosphere I was looking for. I was recently divorced and lived in another part of the state. My children never attended North Kingstown schools but I never begrudged paying taxes to support the school system. I found and bought my present house in 1979. I love the quiet but I also like the easy access to convenient shopping and the new train station. My wife and I often go to Boston for the day.

I enjoy the scenery and recreation

I chose these three because I love our neighborhood and how everyone helps everyone out. I love that we are close to beaches and hiking trails. My husband works in Providence and we wanted to be closer to the beaches but not too far.

I grew up in Warwick and wanted a rural peaceful place to raise my family. That was 40 years ago.

I love historic houses, boating and access to the water.

Because we have become so disenchanting with the other aspects of NK.

Unfortunately, town character would have been a choice but it is slipping away fast. we're losing that rural, peaceful, friendly, small town feeling. The physical environment and natural resources are an enhancement including proximity to Narragansett Bay. Central location allows me to commute north to work yet enjoy the southern shore, Jamestown and Newport. The quality of public schools attracts families that value education and this strengthens our Town.

My wife and I both grew up in NK and attended local schools. Now, our daughters are enrolled in these same schools. We live near the shore, in a nice neighborhood. Our children enjoy what the town has to offer and so do we.

I only chose 2. To be honest, sometimes I wonder why I continue to live here. Taxes are high and I regularly have to leave town to find good restaurants and arts/cultural events, both of which are very important to me.

I love the bay, our library, and the charm of Wickford.

easy to drop our boat in the water and be anywhere in this state in just minutes, something that should be promoted more to people that you can come or go anywhere in your boat from NK, we love art.

I like the Town Council means of management rather than a Mayor. I like to shop locally and love all the shops in Wickford. I like the fact that I am close to the beaches and love the smell of the salt water. I have lived in town since 1966 raised my child here but I really must say we need a building moratorium in town, it is getting way too crowded.

Felt right

I love the ocean. The school system is great. A lot of great families in town.

family boats, wickford village (how it was when Wickford Elem. and Ryan's were open!) and schools served our 3 children well

I live alone with my dog and like having access to all the beautiful places we have to walk, kayak, swim, NK is a lovely town and it is easy and convenient to get to Providence and Newport if I want a more "happening" place to spend a night out.

they were the most important ones for my family

Things I look for when choosing a place to hang my hat

It's a central location that is a decent (better than the surroundings) place to raise a family.

When I moved to town (30+ yrs. ago) I was working in Warwick so the commuter was fine.

However, the character of the NK is what attracted me to this town rather than another.

Priorities in our family

Noticeably superior to other towns.

There are great playgrounds around and the bike path is great. The summer concert series for kids is an awesome amenity as well as the easter egg hunt. Very family oriented.

its a nice town with friendly people and this is where i want my kids to go to school

I love how close North Kingstown is to the water. The people in the community are wonderful  
I did a ton of research on school system , area, etc. for raising a special needs child before moving to N.K.

We love the community of NK. It has all of the quaint character of a rural while also having the conveniences of a larger town/city. It's not over developed (yet). We would love to buy here, but are finding it hard to afford!

Close to work

Reason we moved to North Kingstown.

We like the quiet living in Mt Veiw, our son was raised here. We feel safe and we have great neighbors. We are close to everything we need and close to highway access.

When we were moving here we liked the feel on nk, being close to water, good schools, nice family environment

Moving here after our kids graduated from Smithfield public high school, my wife and I could live anywhere and chose Wickford Highlands. It was a new development at that time, and we were attracted by the nice small town feeling of Wickford.

because the services are very good..... the elementary schools were great .... This town no longer has the small town feeling as it did many years ago.

North Kingstown has abundant natural beauty and I especially enjoy it's marine assets.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - We have 2 children in the NK school system and their education is very important to us. We think that the NK public schools are doing an excellent job, although we would like to see an increase in funding for schools and more town support for the work being done by the school administrators and the school committee. GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY- We like the community and enjoy the NK area with our kids. CENTRAL LOCATION - Since we travel for work, we like being relatively close to TF Green airport.

I like what use to be the small town feel.

They all benefit my family.

We are a family, raising a young child so a safe and "good place to raise a family" is of most importance. Our lifestyle outside of work/school, we like to enjoy the "Narragansett Bay access" and really enjoy the town character coming from Cranston/Johnston.

I actually like that our development is so close to the new Wickford Station. I use it to go to Boston and have even used it to go into Providence. We longer work in Rhode Island; wages are lower and no opportunity in our areas of expertise. My husband and I both work in Massachusetts: he in Cambridge and I in the financial district. We live in Massachusetts during the week. We still maintain our home in North Kingstown and return there on the weekends. We are able to retirement and think about leaving the state altogether.

These are the reasons I moved to this town. I enjoy spending time outside in a rural, friendly atmosphere where community is valued and every individual has space to do what they enjoy.

I wouldn't of pick any.. We need rubbish pick up for the taxes we pay in this town, and road really suck. They pave them they dig them up. why not get all the work done then pave instead of wasting money doing it over &over again.

We moved to RI from DC to raise our family. We bought our home in NK because it was convenient to URI (my job) and Providence (my husband's job), had good schools and was a beautiful community. Our kids walked to school at Wickford Elem (a while ago!), Wickford Middle and NKHS.

We chose NK as a retirement location and so I'm highlighting the amenities that we were looking for. If allowed more choices, public amenities, public schools and municipal services would also have ranked very high.

We chose to live here based on the rural character of the town and its open spaces. We are very concerned about all the recent growth in town, and if it keeps up, we will surely leave. We do not want to live in a town like Warwick. We think with better planning, growth can continue, but targeted to specific areas already developed like post road and Quonset. NOT in rural areas such as rt 2/102 area.

NK is a great place to raise my family and I wanted my children to attend NK schools. Also, our extended family also lives in NK. NK is a close-knit, safe town, and we value its peaceful and quiet atmosphere.

We primarily moved to NK for the schools and distance to two job locations. However NK schools is lacking in good judgment when it comes to special Ed and the arts. Therefore my three best likes are location in relationship to jobs/beach/providence as well as a safe environment raising a family. Want a home that has it all

I would choose more but limited to 3. These are my top three. Would also list. Natural resources and distance to work, did work in Providence previously.

I prefer to live in a rural, peaceful, friendly small town environment over the city life. Less traffic to deal with in a small town.

Because they are the three things I like best, of course.

They were the baseline for building my residence in NK enhances quality of residing in NK

We chose to live in RI and this town first and foremost for the public schools and 20 minute drive from my husband's work. We love the small town feel.

I live near the bay and swim in it. I really enjoy being close to water and woods. We also moved here because the schools were good.

Moved here for schools and location to work

I grew up near the beach and love the parks and beaches that NK has to offer. My kids have enjoyed growing up here and all the activities they have participated in.

When we moved here we needed to be centrally located with access to 95.

I chose not to live in the city - because I wanted my children to have greater outdoor resources and great connection with the environment.

They are most important to me.

We love the beauty of this area, the friendliness of our community. I appreciate the clean water, the parks, trails, playgrounds, libraries—all things our family enjoys.

My wife and I chose to live in NK after we were married because the schools were very good, we didn't want to live in or near a city and we enjoy having open space between our house and the neighbors and space between neighborhoods.

Quality school system is obvious. We also love the beach/ocean environment. The town has in the past had nice parks, etc. I will tell you that Wilson Park is becoming a disaster. I play pickup soccer there and it is like playing on cement. Kids are getting foot injuries due to the conditions. Soccer has been played there for over 30+ years so it IS NOT in rough shape due to overuse.

NKSA used to have 1000 members and now only has had 300 for several years and lacrosse adds maybe another 300. Still less kids in total compared to years ago. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS THE TOWN HAS NOT WATERED THE FIELDS ON ANY REGULAR BASIS OR AT ALL. As a result the grass is burning up and getting ripped apart by even slight activity which leaves just dirt. The fields also continue to settle and have many deep holes which are a danger to anyone walking/playing on them. WATER THE GRASS REGULARLY AND THEY WILL BE IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE. PLEASE!

I love the ocean but hate the crowds in south county. I spend most days outside including some of my jobs. I have had a problem child, an honors child, a child on an IEP and a child on a 504 go thru the Nk school system and all are successful college students now. The problem child is going to grad school, the honors student is excelling in her college and the two who spent 8 + years starting at age 3 as sp ed students will both be living away at college in the fall.

Those are the things that matter most to my family and I.

We came to this town because of the schools, lots of new house construction and access to the beach.

I would like our town to stay small and not become another Warwick like place with all strip malls. I would like Wickford to become more of an active place for people in town and out to visit daily and at night. It shuts down at 5. Go to EG it is hopping.

BECAUSE THEY BEST REFLECT THE CHARACTERTISTICS OF NK

All 3 choices are things I access regularly, or enjoy. Some choices are laughable: Access to public transportation and road maintenance, are at the top of the list.

They were important factors in choosing a home here

They are the only 3 things I still like about NK.

We love the opportunity NK boasts for families- great people, schools, activities and location.

I had a lot of trouble because I could have added at least 3 more. I have always been satisfied with many of the items on the list that I didn't check off.

I choose to live in Wickford because I close to the water for boating and fishing. Living in this part of town is like always being on vacation - except the winter months.

Need to make a living and work long hours so being close to work is important.

I am not native to RI. Moved to NK because we believed the community was friendly and not pretentious. A range of people and activities.

Schools are an important foundation to any community. And the physical character of the community creates a comfortable environment in which to raise a family.

Because they were accurate to our situation

I value the education my kids have/are received and believe this contributes to the value of my home as well. I grew up in this town and now raise my own family here in a great town character with good schools and recreation/sports. I am an artist and appreciate the art resources.

B/c it is a nice place to raise a family. I like being close to the beaches in Narragansett and being close to Providence as well.

We wanted to live near the beach/water. North Kingstown has great schools and is a good place to raise a family.

Love my Oakdale neighborhood, moved here to be closer to work, and love my house

Everyone is friendly and caring. Great happy place to raise a Family

I lived in Peace Dale and it felt so much further from work and Providence. NK is an easy drive to anywhere. My husband and I walk and love the parks and open space in town. I also love the people and communities.

We have a young family so schools were a priority but it is also important to us that our children grow up in a town that has community values, character and town pride. NK had/had a competitive school system and a charming community with many cultural and artistic attractions.

Great place to raise a family in an excellent school district.

It was hard to choose.

North Kingstown's biggest drawer for me is the location. It is very central. Unfortunately it lacks much to do from an entertainment perspective. It is very close to a lot of fun places ( EG, Narragansett, Jamestown, Newport, Providence).

North Kingstown has really disappointed me lately and those are the 3 things that I am still happy with.

I grew up here.

Pretty simple...good schools with extracurricular activities available and easy access to beaches, Newport and Providence. It is also an easy trip to the airport. I travel for business and without that, I would likely be taking my family to another state with lower taxes/cost of living, better community services/amenities and excellent schools. RI is still lacking in high paying jobs and I am lucky to be able to work remotely for a company with main offices in Charlotte and outside Philadelphia.

They revolve around the upbringing and safety of our family.

Raising my family is the most important

Schools - importance of education Location - not a far drive to/from work LOVE Brown Street/Main Street - we have serious lovely character in town Town is safe to raise a family

I prefer peace and quiet, privacy, open space.

It is why I moved here

because if I wanted to live amongst criminals, I would move to the city

It is important to go home to a beautiful calm environment.

North Kingstown is a beautiful area in RI. A great place to raise children with an excellent community.

We moved to RI 11 years ago and choose NK specifically because of schools. That was top priority. Still is why we continue to live here.

Dumb question

I am not going to answer why I chose the 3 because those answers are obvious. However, I will make a comment to the 3 others choices I was not allowed to make. We also like Nk because of the access to the Bay, the town character and the physical environment.

My husband and I are raising two boys. We are active with the sports community. We require a good school system for them. As a family we are active outdoors.

Because of the list presented these are the best things I like about living in NK???

I am a transplant, so primarily here to raise our family. Having said that, I love the ocean and value the location of NK for easy access to the bay and other ocean areas. Also, the location for me to get out of NK to my other commitments out-of-state.

They are most important to me

When we moved here 21 years ago we wanted a nice town with a rural feel and a great school system for our kids

I like that NK has just about everything I need close by. Seeing all of the development i.e. the new Wendy's seems unnecessary. We have so many shopping areas with half empty buildings. If we need to be further developed we should start by filling those areas first. I want NK to be more like the way I remember it 20 years ago.

Working in town gives me quick access to my children to get them to afternoon activities

Enjoy the outdoors and the beauty of Wickford Harbor.

High quality of life, great schools, Access to lots of fun things!

I grew up in North Kingstown and now enjoy raising my own family here. I'm hoping it will maintain its small town feel, although the northern end of town is starting to resemble Warwick.

all related to family and quality of life

It is important to me that NK does NOT become a city like warwick and Cranston.

They most fit our lifestyle

Every town should show the feeling that it cares for residents by having these things be evident and cared for. It gives the town positive character and makes it a welcoming place to live.

Municipal services are very good. All that snow and still the roads were plowed/salted all the long winter. The Town Recreation Department has an excellent summer camp that my granddaughter goes to in the summer. The blue can is faithfully emptied of all the recyclables The police responded twice to the needs of my daughter's 911 calls once when horses were loose in the road and another when an elderly man crashed his car that she happened upon. The environment in our area is very peaceful and we have found nature to be extremely entertaining. We couldn't lack for anything with the abundance of stores/shopping.

Family oriented

best area for kids that was also within commuting distance to work (URI and Warwick) for both parents

I like the fact that NK is family oriented and has lots of activities and services for my family.

North Kingstown is close to my family. There are lots of places for my kids to play and have play dates.

We initially moved here for distance to work and beaches but have been really happy with the schools and family friendly environment.

School system.

There are many beautiful places in the state, but only a few communities can combine all three.

The quality of life in North Kingstown is fantastic - as long as our leaders do not try to turn us into new "Warwick" with malls and traffic congestion.

I could have chosen them all

A FIT WITH WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US AND THE WAY WE WANT TO LIVE.

They represent just a fraction of what the opportunity to live in Wickford has meant to me.

The choices represent the best amenities available in NK

The historic charm and character of Wickford Village attracted me to North Kingstown, where I reside above my small business

We were expecting our first child when we moved in.

We moved to Wickford with two young boys. We live withing walking distance of Wilson Park and we use it all the time. Character of the old houses is what drew us to Wickford and the reason we bought an historic house. Friendly does not even come close to my neighborhood. We know each other, work each other and play with each other.

I think that Wickford in particular is a beautiful village on the bay, with good neighbors and nice shops. Those 3 are only part of what I like about Wickford, because I feel the neighborhood and the beauty of our village are important, but it is also many of the other amenities could easily have been chosen by me. We are lucky!

Access to the water is important for people living in RI; I like that the town has a lot of peaceful friendly neighborhoods; however, the development of Post Road and Quonset take away some of the small town feeling. Good quality schools are important.

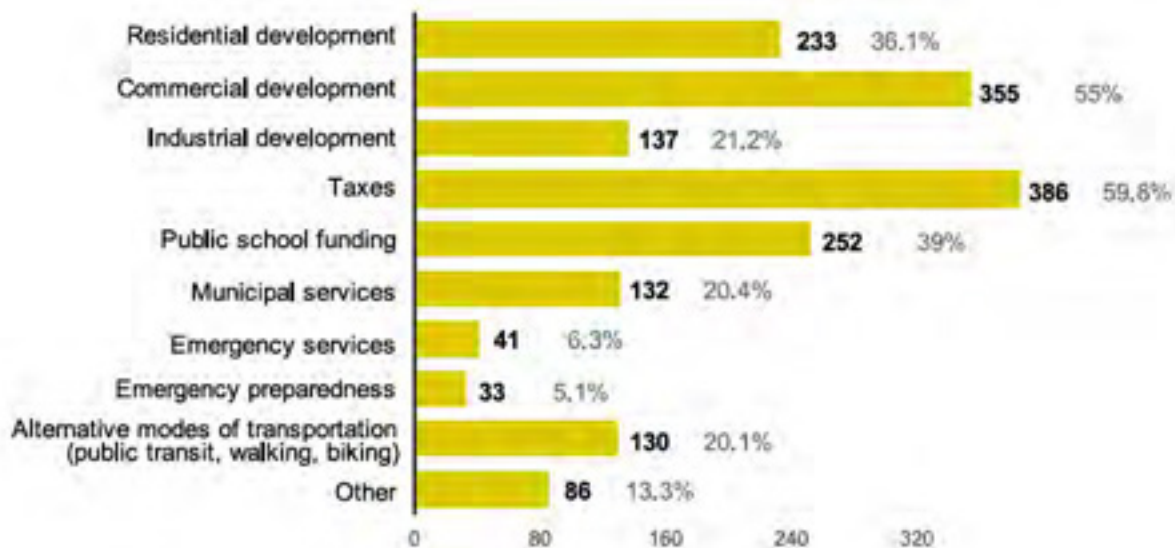
Nice community atmosphere

Obviusly the physical amenities and accessibility to other things.

Beautiful and peaceful. Lack of public services and restaurants big drawback. Need sewers the most

These three features set NK apart from many other towns in RI.

### What are your major concerns, if any, which may affect the future of North Kingstown?





### Why did you choose those three?

Gross lack of forward, creative thinking.

We pay high taxes but municipal services are not as good as other areas we have lived. Not used to private company for garbage pickup, parks and recreation information is very difficult to understand. Hope for more thoughtful commercial development. Strange that a Walmart was used as anchor store for train station.

We were pleased that the town has implemented full-day kindergarten, even though it does not directly affect our family. The issue of emergency preparedness is a difficult position to comment on as we have no idea what the does or does not have in place.

We don't need any new construction of res/commercial development while there are still retail vacancies at Wickford Junction.

We need good restaurants less gas stations and banks! Less low income due to high crime rate in Navy Drive and Yorktown areas due to low income! Great businesses.. Find them and keep them... Walmart, Home Depot add to the town encourage great businesses and fill these EMPTY buildings, It is pathetic to drive down Post Road and see emptiness! Please bring multiple restaurants to town so I can spend my money in town instead of going to Warwick and South Kingstown!

N/A

i want to be able to retire and own my house

Having 2 young children want to make sure schools are properly and adequately funded. Don't want excessive commercial development but understand need for it. want it located properly. Being a coastal community, want to be certain we are prepared for climate change and sea level rise.

Because the town has money yet the fire engines look like they belong in Providence or CF My son had to go to a fire station and said there was bird poop everywhere and looked dirty The public safety should be the top priority and it isn't and it's honestly a huge reason my family and I would like to move to another city or town

The Schools need to remain strong. To do that u need tax base. We need developments and business in the empty areas of town to help fund this. With development however comes a strain on emergency services, these services would have to be beefed up to deal with the demand without sacrificing service

Very, very, very scared of NK getting overdeveloped and turning into Warwick. We moved to NK specifically because it isn't developed like Cranston and Warwick, yet it seems like the town is moving full speed ahead to follow in those footsteps. We're all for redeveloping Quonset and the Post Road area, but we don't need any more development outside those two areas. Allowing Tarbox to move to Quaker Lane was a travesty and we're very afraid of additional development along that road.

1. Roads going in/out of NK are already congested to the point that contact with a road rage induced maniac is a daily occurrence. 2. Some town of NK employees feel that their job is so secure that they can blatantly stand around flaunting no supervisor control without regard to tax payer concerns. 3. We need more side walks and bike paths!

I don't have any major concerns, however you will get a bunch of nutbags responding here that have no idea what their town even does so the results will be skewed.

Unhappy with expansion of new commercial development while existing areas are languishing. Old, tired, outdated shopping plazas should be razed or updated to attract new businesses or revert them to open space.

It seems the Fire and Police Departments are understaffed. Very scary!

To many low income apartments on the North End, business won't come to the Area because on the low income housing engulfing Post Rd. Thank you former Town Planner and Town Council who allowed this to happen. One Million dollars of deferred taxes surprisingly going to fund all day Kindergarden [Day Care for the low income] for our schools. Give the Tax payer a break. Oh sorry Quidnessett was a Title 1 School and had all day kindergarden as it was now a low income area. Thank the Idiots who run this Town.

Most important.

NK is not pedestrian or bike friendly and growth in town continues to favor car travel. Connections could be made between commercial areas that don't require a car for transport but town officials need to prioritize that in its vision.

Fiscal responsibility.

Historically problems here in NK

Both commercial and industrial development can help to reduce our residential tax rates. I am concerned, however, over some of the decisions made by our elected leaders and town manager in these issues.

I feel the town mistakenly is trying to make the Wickford Junction area the commercial center of North Kingstown, while neglecting the Post Road area. they have also added more low income housing than any of the other surrounding towns. While I support providing low income housing for the people of North Kingstown that need it, what the town has done is encouraged the poor from other cities to come to our town. I am also concerned about the Town tendency to raise taxes to the cap and limit the amount given to the schools. We really do not receive many town services for the amount of taxes we pay. Crime has increased due to these decisions. I am pro development, but I am pro smart development, not ad hoc development based on certain favored developers.

Without the oversight we are in the process of destroying that small town community and allowing big box companies to come in and dictate. Developers come in underfunded and ask for allowances in what their original proposals were/are and demand more infrastructure from the town. Taxes are out of control for what is given back. Town side of the budget is never cut substantially, but nothing is added back in the way of services to the taxpayers. How much is that "fire boat" costing the town when they go beyond the town boundaries on a call where they weren't even requested? Fire trucks speeding down Main St, then sitting at the Town Dock while firefighters fight over who is going to go on the boat...Recently there were 3 trucks and Rescue sitting there as the boat left.. What happens if there is an emergency in town? Mutual Aid? That costs! Transfer station is only open part-time. School side of the budget is ALWAYS cut back with the kids losing aides/teachers, curriculum (Arts programs), BUT the food services is finally solvent after much support from the SC to keep from outsourcing to strangers in our schools.

Taxes are too high and you blame the school district while NEVER cutting town budget. Schools drive property values, not golf carts. Keep slighting school district and expanding town budget and watch property values decrease. Residential development, primarily section 8 housing, is causing

degradation of our town. Graffiti and vandalism at Wilson Park increases as section 8 housing increases.

Taxes and out of control spending and cronyism in this state rate the highest in the nation

We have been concerned with the Town's desire to grow commercial outside of the urban services boundary and not fully utilize the areas that are within it that are currently underutilized and underdeveloped. We are also concerned that less funding is going towards schools and as a result the quality of teaching and opportunities for student development, especially those who could benefit from accelerated opportunities, is deteriorating.

Explained above, except for the taxes issue. We seem to have a state-wide problem in both electing and hiring people who don't have a clue about balancing a budget. They use the taxpayer like an ATM. Every mistake they make is compensated for by squeezing us harder. I am now exploring South Carolina, because I have just about had it with the regressive mentality that pervades this state and its cities and towns. You are killing small business with taxes and regulation, all because balancing a budget is apparently something too difficult to accomplish. Our ordinances, on both the state and town level, are archaic and haven't kept pace with changes in society.

NK's Town Council seems to only be interested in development. They ignore the people who protest, and find ways to help out their friends (the developers). It's sickening, and I often question why we stay in this town. I chose Municipal services because we don't have a lot of services, and those we have, we seem to be losing. Water service is under constant decline and I worry that at some point we will have to find an alternative.

Very concerned with commercial development outside what was the urban services boundary. Traffic is becoming a problem in NK. Empty storefronts along route 1 all while there is development being pushed in other areas.

Schools have to be the priority. Maintain them! Taxes are so high for such a small town. Who "finds" a million dollar "windfall"? Heads should roll! Fill the empty buildings along Post Rd before tearing down our trees & use the developed areas wisely. Quonset should hold more industry. 403 is built, use it.

There are enough houses in this town, and the more houses, the higher the taxes to fund everything else.

I worry about the empty businesses in NK and how difficult it can be to start a business here.

This Affordable Housing Boom is a farce. Why do we need so many duplexes? Get rid of the school Super. He is an IDIOT and does not treat his teachers very well. RIPTA in one word SUCKS! I have to walk at least 2 miles to get a bus.

We are concerned for underfunding of NKPS and increased property taxes. We also worry about over development of "McMansion" residential developments.

#1 reason was because NK was not over-developed like Warwick or parts of Wakefield. We loved the character of the town - rural, small villages and water access.

Residential development: the newest developments are destroying the rural character and small-town feel that I loved so much growing up here. We are in danger of becoming Warwick with a higher price tag. Taxes are prohibitively high, yet we are not covering all of our needs adequately. I see a lot of waste of money and resources, and when we truly need something like a sewer system, we are unable to fund them without ridiculous tax hikes. I've noticed in the last few storms

that we do not have adequate emergency shelters. In the aftermath of the winter storm a few years ago that left us without power or heat for nearly a week, we could not find a place to go to that was not just as bad as freezing in our own home. Perhaps we expected too much, or perhaps we were just ignorant of what the town has in place already. (In which case, maybe we just need a public service ad campaign?)

Post Road is dead, taxes is part of the reason we live on less than an acre of land(2015) as compared to over 10 in the 1960's and I don't want some worn out rescue personnel giving me medical care.(I've had 2 heart attacks and my wife is on Oxygen 24 hours a day.

Taxes are out of control. Every year they go up and our services are nonexistent! I'm a runner and we walk our dog. But to get to any safe run- walk-friendly place outside of our neighborhood, we have to get in the car. We need sidewalks!!! Seriously—sidewalks!!!

I didn't chose 3

They are going down hill.

Do not want the character of NK to change

North Post Road is a complete failure, there is not Municipal Services. The condition of the schools are deteriorating. Taxes are higher than most surrounding communities. Large residential development that encourages children raise taxes.

I am concerned about overdevelopment in certain areas that will negatively affect our small town feel and neglect of the Post Road business area.

Having parents and grandparents who came from NK, I have always wanted to live here. I love the historical aspects of the town, the natural beauty and and the harbor and boat.

We would not like to see the town become over developed

Seems like town council is ignoring the prior comprehensive plan and building where it benefits them or their friends. Also, bad relationship between TC and school committee threatens schools. The town now has "dying" areas - like Post Road - that they are not investing resources in - and it becomes an eyesore - and now they are seeking "new" places to develop, instead of repurposing what has already been developed for commercial area. Green space areas are shrinking. Schools are overcrowded and underfunded.

Because all 3 are contributing to higher taxes every year

We deserve trash pick up for the amount we pay in taxes and outrageous hours for the transfer station.

Some of the recent developments with smaller lot sizes and condensed housing remind me of developments in Warwick/Cranston. I do not want North Kingstown to turn into Warwick/Cranston. Rt. 1 commercial area is an eyesore and something needs to be done with it. We have one of the best school departments in the state but lately I feel like the town council has been asking the school department to make budgetary sacrifices to cover the increased costs of the rest of the town departments. At some point this will come back to bite us.

Commercial development is going in to our scenic residential/farm zoned districts and Post Road looks like Detroit. Taxes keep going up and municipal services keep disappearing.

We are losing that small town feel with all the new development. This town is becoming Warwick. If I wanted to live in Warwick then I would already live there. Instead of building new businesses let's utilize all the empty spaces we already have in town.

Commercial development: rt1 has plenty of empty storefronts/properties while new stores are being

built on rt2/102 near walmart. Would hate for NK to end up like Warwick with some nice neighborhoods being choked by commercial development. We don't need less of it just more focus. Would be nice if the town was less car centric -which is as much about changing people's attitudes as anything else.

NK is beginning to look more like Warwick each day. We allow new construction for banks and fast food restaurants while historical buildings and businesses remain vacant due to zoning issues.

Starting to price people out of the market.

Taxes are killing the retired people! New residents are never happy!

Our town has greatly changed since I was born. It is beginning to feel more like Warwick than the corner of South County. Character continues to dissolve. Do we need two Wendy's within five minutes?

We need a town administration that responds to the concerns of the citizens.

Taxes are high for older people, esp. for those who have lived here for a long time and want to stay, age in place.

necessary for tourism and jobs

It is not more development that concerns me, but poorly conceptualized development. Where the transformation of Quonset has proved successful, the failure to redevelop Rt. 1 and instead lean on green space development bespeaks a failure of leadership. The town planning bylaws hope to turn an existing strip mall (Rt. 1) into a walking space, making it undevelopable, forcing developers to develop green spaces, making them unwalkable. The plan's idealism is misplaced, and the town government substitutes fatalism for realism in responding to the challenges posed by this failure of planning.

Huge factors for aging population.

I hear taxes are too high and they cut school funding which should be a no no also we need more transportation that works more often and more accessible to the people who do not have cars in Davisville complexes.

We need to make sure that schools are properly funded and not give in to tax activists whose main concern is cutting funding and not quality of education. Re: municipal services, it's not clear to me why we don't have town trash pick-up, etc.. as other jurisdictions have. I worry about the next big hurricane, sheltering, etc.

This what concerns me. The Town offices are not friendly and businesses cannot grow here in town. Taxes are not applied properly especially when new assessments are made.

obvious

It seems like every open space is now being developed and turned into another bank or housing development. This overdevelopment detracts from the rural character that drew our family to NK. Commercial development belongs at Quonset or in other locations already zoned for this. I'd like to protect some of the open space we have left and would gladly support the town buying land to protect open space and maintain its rural character. I have no problem driving to Warwick or other towns for big box stores. North Kingstown should remain a rural, residential community.

As a retired couple we'd like to stay in North Kingstown but the taxes are a definite drawback. We live on a fixed income and have no "raises" in yearly salary except for small increases in Social Security.

Our taxes are very high for very little in the way of service. Our street does not get plowed very well

at all. The schools are way underfunded and they are the biggest reason people move to NK.

There is a majority of the town council who bullies citizens and the other town councilors. It is fully evident in the town meeting videos. Their actions to close out the citizens and manipulate the town for their own agenda. The former president publicly stated via public internet social media board confirming such intentional behavior. Taxes seem to be outrageous for the services rendered in comparison to other towns in the state as well as in comparison to towns in other states. The current town manager is not either capable to manage appropriately or is part of the corruption to keep the citizenry in the dark on exactly where town monies are being used or held. The town manager just happens to find \$1.4 million? What other monies are being withheld in a secret account? Why this town manager continues to be allowed employment is irresponsible of this town council. Alternative modes of safe transport would decrease the demand of individual car use flooding our roadways and causing great wear and tear on our road systems; public works, police and fire depts. Safe bike paths and internal bus transport makes sense and is sound fiscal planning.

More homes are on the market in the village than any other time since the turn of the century because people cannot manage taxes, are impacted by a decline in support services and most importantly, government enforcement of rules lacking common sense. Ergo, elderly and retired are not able to handle rising costs to live in NK/RI.

Development that erodes the unique character of our town is NK's biggest threat. Ever increasing taxes will force many to move. I may be among that group.

Taxes are high. I would be willing to pay higher taxes (and I wouldn't complain about the current tax rate) if we got more for our money in return from the Town. We don't even get garbage pickup! I know so many people who would use the MBTA if it ran more frequently in the evening and on weekends. Not everyone wants to use the train to commute to work. Many want to use it to get to better entertainment and dining options in Providence and Boston - but we can't do that on weekends.

High taxes may not allow us to stay in our home. I am concerned that NK will become overly commercialized and turn into a zone similar to Warwick.

Taxes are crazy here (and not too many services to boot!) and the taxes are crazy because the schools are out of control with spending

Not enough funding in the public schools for the arts program and other extras. No Sunday hours at the library. More bike access and bike lane.

The taxes are way too high, we need town garbage pick up and more activities for the tween age group

I feel this town has grown to the point it is no longer a small rural town and that is the main reason I moved here when I got married. I also liked the neighborhood elementary schools which did save on busing expenses. That too was another reason for my settling here in North Kingstown.

This is where the problems are

the leadership of this town is awful! We need all new administration in every single dept!

There is a high level of dysfunction in the town leadership. Between the town council and the school committee, they are slowly eroding the things that initially drew us to NK.

too much open space being lost, taxes too high, need better access and integration of transportation choices

ised my family in Wickford and admit that the loss of Ryan's Market and Wickford Elementary has left the village feeling more like a little tourist destination than a real community. I think that NK really needs to focus on finding an anchor for Wickford village. I also worry that increased residential development will make the town feel more like a strictly suburban community rather than the rural, residential mix that most of us find so appealing. On another note...I work at Quonset point and would love to be able to ride my bike to work, but the few times I have ridden up Post road, I felt like I was taking my life in my hands...A more bicycle and pedestrian friendly poost road would be great!

My biggest concern is post road. There are no sidewalks, bike lanes or walking lanes and the road is too narrow for even proper automobile traffic. I would like to walk or use a bicycle more but it is just extremely dangerous now. I am frustrated by the amount of development in quonset but the short section of post road (apx 1 mile) still has no bike path or sidewalk of any sort. Post road could be a beautiful boulevard but it is so far from that now.

I have a tremendous concern for the commercial development of this town. My family is not pleased with the commercialism, especially on rt. 2.

I am concerned about the class/character of people being moved into HUD housing. They need to be screened more thoroughly. Many are lying to get in.

Residential development, because there is far too much section 8 housing in our town. Reading the police report almost half of the incidents are with people in/from those areas. Speaking to people who work in schools it is clear that their children they make up a disproportional amount of the special needs students. They place an unfair burden on our police and schools, and are a big reason why most of the educated residents move away and don't come back after college.

Commercial development, because the big box stores (Kohl's, Walmart, Home Depot) make up another significant portion of our arrests, and because they put an unfair strain on local businesses. Post road a ghost town because businesses there could not keep up with the competition from these mega corporations. Any issues with municipal or school funding could be solved with the elimination of section 8 housing and the resulting scale back in police/education resources. Post road is an embarrassment. The town should buy / seize the vacant properties, demolish, and then auction... but with significant restraints on the type of development (sidewalk front businesses with parking in the back instead of stripmalls). The town could also benefit from a bike lane on this road. I believe the town is doing a good job with industrial development. There are a lot of good jobs in quonset point, which is attracting working people and their families.

Properly done, new development is good, but it must not sprawl all over. The Town has done a good job in recent times attempting to focus new development in those areas that can support it (e.g. Post Road plan). Alternative transportation can add to quality of life and reduce the need for significant road capacity expansion and congestion.

Taxes are going up but facilities/services are not improving. A group of parents had to give up loads of their time and had to fight to get Full Day K funded; that is unacceptable. Some basic municipal services that we had in Warwick (where we came from) are not offered here (e.g. garbage pick up). And playgrounds need updating; again, a group of parents had to fundraise in order to improve a neighborhood/school playground that was unsafe; again, that is unacceptable. The Town should be providing these basic services, especially with a budget as NK's.

Stay focused on the schools.

I'm concerned that the schools are strapped for \$ and teachers/staff have to deal with the

uncertainty of not knowing what there will be enough funding for next year.. I'm also concerned because so many people in NK fight against school funding. I also worry about my home's value. We've been in it for almost 9 years - our first house - & it has lost a third of its value. Wondering how all the new housing developments will affect that. Why would someone buy our older home with all those new options?

Post rd. Is a disaster. empty and abandoned, it's disgraceful. Maybe a tax break could be offered for businesses rolling to inhabit empty buildings? And please, stop with the banks! It concerns me that taxes keep increasing with no step up in town services.

Post road corridor is a disgrace and frankly embarrassing. We need to encourage businesses to want to build in n.k. instead of making them jump through hoops. We also need to support our fire and police services instead of continuously trying to cut from them.

i see the town cut funding for services that we need and put it towards things we don't need

Concerned about taxes increasing and services decreasing

Most impact on character of town.

All I have to do is look at the large wind turbine near Staples, and wonder why this was allowed to happen? I understand that people have their rights to develop their properties within current zoning laws and guidelines. The Urban Service Boundary made a lot of sense to me, as it also was influenced by the water resources, which are limited in North Kingstown.

The residential development is turning the "small town" into a city like place.

Post rd. is an embarrassment with all of the empty businesses. Would be nice if you could bike to Wickford (that's if the stores were ever open when I could shop there.

Taxes are high, too much section 8 housing, the school system is so over populated, people are starting to put their children in public schools.

The Town Manager and Town Council majority have a negative attitude towards fully funding Economic Development. The Town Manager and Town Council majority did not make any effort to lower the tax rate The Town Manager is disrespectful, unprofessional, and is an embarrassment to the Town. My greatest concern/ fear is that the Town Council majority doesn't do right by the Town and boot him!

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING - We are concerned that the schools have been chronically under-funded (especially over the past 5 to 6 years) and that we will see an erosion of the quality of schools and a corresponding decline in student performance. ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION - If we could change one thing about the town (other than better funding for the schools), it would be to make it easier to get around WITHOUT using a car. We need more bike paths and walking paths that connect key parts of the community.

too many empty store fronts all over town

concerned that we do not have full day kindergarten, taxes too high, do not like new big subdivisions being built

They will directly affect my family.

My number one concern is the future re-development of Post Road. I feel that this area is a complete eye-sore and waste of good business use for our community. I have bought into Reynolds Farm and therefore my awareness to what is going to go on in this area is of utmost importance to me at this time. I also have a school aged child, who we currently send to private school. While NK boasts one of the best school districts in the state, I still see a lot of areas for improvement,



especially in Primary through Middle School. I have more confidence in the High School education above all else.

Municipal services generally trail those offered by even the town's neighbors. It is difficult to safely bike or walk from Quidnessett to Wickford, and while the MBTA Wickford Junction station is an excellent facility, its utility is limited by scheduling and the current rail infrastructure in Rhode Island. It is my hope that both the filling out of the QDC and the sewer installation will begin to restore neighborhoods around and north of Quonset.

North Kingstown should develop the waterfront as a means of financial income to the town. Does the Chamber of Commerce have a plan to entice companies to come to the Quonset area. The new "Dave's" shopping center seems to be working, but Lowe's didn't make it, and I'm surprised that the hotel is still open. The conservation mentality gets in the way of future development.

I think there is misinformation on how a town such as NK can achieve smart growth without impact tax payers. By adding residential development in the wrong places, it will cost tax payers more money to provide infrastructure than you get out of new taxes. We also do not need to become the next Route 2 in Warwick with commercial and industrial development. The Town tries a road diet on Route 1 while also trying to boost commercial and industrial development; these actions are at odds with each other.

They keep building all these stores, when there are so many empty now. And the seniors can't even get a brake. In order to get a cut in taxes you have to have to make next to nothing in order to live. How is that possible. If you have lived in this town for 35 or years you should get something for paying taxes all those years. Now People on Camp Ave have to pay sewer tax on top of our property tax, so they could build Reynolds Farm Development. Because it is all ledge and can't have septic tanks. They should collect Taxes from businesses on the base.

I am very worried about predicted and actual sea rise and the impacts on Wickford and coastal neighborhoods. I don't think we are realistically addressing these looming impacts. I am also concerned about sprawling commercial development – at Rt 2/102, Wickford Junction, Post Rd. Comments relate to previous question and to following question. think challenge re residential development is understanding what kinds of residential development we need given changing demographics. think we may have sufficient sf housing but may need more compact, multi-family housing suitable for seniors and adults (hopefully many young) without children. Re commercial development, I suspect we may have sufficient commercial area, which is why I checked keep the same level below. Focus needs to be on redevelopment. I would hate to see more land consumed for commercial development while Post Road properties stand empty. Am hoping there is room for more industrial development in Quonset. I chose to list 4 above because I believe that the issue of hazard mitigation re climate change/flooding/sea level rise needs to be an overarching consideration in all of our planning.

See above.

Public education is one of the main reasons why we live here. We want our children attending NK's high-performing schools. We live in a quiet and private locate despite being close to Ten Rod Rd. We would be incredibly upset if there is commercial/industrial development in this section of NK. Clearly, many businesses on Post Rd. (esp. north of Quonset) are empty and it devalues that area of NK. Any services we require, whether it be groceries, shopping, home improvement needs, etc., are within a short 5-10 min drive. It's unnecessary for the SAME types of shops to be on our doorstep. What we DONT want is more traffic on Ten Rod, failed businesses similar to those on

Post Rd., or a Rt. 2 (Warwick) type of atmosphere.

Without public transit many people are left behind eg the elderly, the disabled, the kids to young to drive a car, people who cannot afford a car or had their license revoked. Public transportation makes cities desirable to live and work in and allows disabled people some independence. In regards to commercial and development I see a pattern of neglect in already developed areas in town, however we start building in formerly rural areas. I'm worried about the "sprawl" of commercial buildings down RT 2 while at the same time buildings are empty on RT 1. And then we have Quonset sitting empty.

I am very concerned with development in the 102/rt2 area and the effect it will have on my property value. I live on Plain road.

There has not been enough funding for the public school system.

There are already many vacant commercial properties/buildings located in North Kingstown so I do not see the need to continue to create and build new sites. As for residential, we have limited resources with the current amount of homes in North Kingstown. We have water restrictions during the summer months and are only allowed to water lawn twice a week. If there is additional residential/commercial development it will create a shortage of water supply as well as emergency services.

These questions appear badly constructed. Concerns about too much or too little? Taxes are too high and getting worse. Failed projects such as Wickford Station are my concern for commercial development. RI has the wrong approach. Our leaders think they need to pick the winners and losers—and tell the businesses where they need to go (Post Road). Instead, concentrate on lowering the taxes and streamline the approval process—lessen regulations and restrictions. Fight the current misguided "windpower/green" power initiatives which do little but raise the utility costs and make it too expensive to open a business in RI. In other words, set conditions for others to take the initiative....

They impact my quality of life

commercial and Industrial development could keep taxes lower.

I do not believe that the 24hr shift for FF is safe for them or us, and not fair!

New development needs to stay in the areas already developed

It is deplorable how low the annual funding increases have been for the public schools. My youngest daughter is feeling the full effects of the strained budget. As a 1st grader her classroom is overflowing and unfortunately the superintendent has no intention to remedy the situation which means that as a 2nd grader she will be penalized again. Young children benefit most from smaller class sizes. Kids are falling through the cracks. Not all the parents have the luxury of being able to be in the school to see what happens and be heavily involved. I'm appalled how the resources are primarily going to Fishing Cove, Forest Park and Quidnesset.

I have children in the schools and sports. I don't understand why this town is so divided when it comes to youth sports. Why have two soccer organizations and two baseball leagues. When you could combine and work together for the kids.

The taxes are too high for the services we get or should I say don't get. Commercially there is not too much. All new construction seem to be banks. Wickford stores close too early. We need to strive to pull people in not turn them away. Think East Greenwich or Wakefield. The train station is a joke. Do you realize how many families would use it to go to Boston on the weekends but they

can't because it's closed. And forget about going South to NYC - it doesn't even stop to let you go south. NK is ridiculous and getting worse instead of better.

Worry the schools are underfunded and stretched thin. I worry that the town is try to "industrialize" or overdevelop - resulting in buildings being empty; stores being empty; sections of town looking like they are "dying" - while new areas are being built.

The schools have a great reputation as being some of the best in the state but it seems that the Superintendent is reacting to problems and issues instead of being proactive to keep the schools at their current status. It seems that the town had it in mind that the way to increase taxes was to build more stores and not build more homes to attract more people. I am glad to see they have seen that this is not working and they are starting to build more neighborhoods.

property taxes are making it more difficult to afford staying in nk

I'm concerned with "affordable housing." We have too many people who don't pay taxes. We also need to fund our schools better.

Again a sound school system that affords options for all interests for students is paramount. I don't like to complain about taxes but the town offers little extras in services for the taxes paid, particularly in the LACK OF CARE GIVEN TO THE PARKS. Post Road is a commercial development ugly mess in many stretches. Post road needs to stay 2 lanes in both directions as well. Can you imagine one lane for the Air Show or other events? I can't even believe that was proposed at one point.

In my opinion taxes are fairly high. The funding for kindergarten is set for this year but what about following years? I would not want to see taxes sky rocket it is hard enough for a single mom. There are tons of developments around us which means more animals with no homes. It is difficult to let my kids go outside due to the huge amount of wildlife since the woods have been cut down.

Commercial development – number of empty storefronts in the north end of town Public school funding and Municipal services – spending cuts may negatively impact services

Moved here from Cranston. Liked the rural character of NK. This character is slowly being diminished. Things like the proposed Rolling Geens development are not an asset to this town, development of the Post Road area should be a priority not the rural areas of town.

We have high taxes in NK without municipal services.

Explained above. Keep the industrial development at Quonset and Davisville. Use already existing strip malls for more commercial development. If housing, no more low income.

We need to continue to adequately fund our greatest commodity....our children. They deserve the best public education has to offer. Real estate values need to hold - the school system is the biggest draw for young families moving to NK.

They are the three things we don't need more of.

We need more sidewalks! Post Rd. is a ghost town with so many empty storefronts, and it's very ugly. We need to make Wickford on par with downtown EG...there is no good reason that it's not.

The excessive development of of industrial/commercial entities are overloading our roads, underfunding our tax base, and overtaxing our public services. Way too many new residential housing additions are doing the same, or worse. As we add children in large numbers to our schools, taxes to support education increase at a disproportionate rate to residents ability to fund teachers/union contracts. Large number of non taxpaying renters.

I would like to continue to live in North Kingstown but am worried about the many retail shops in

Wickford and Post road that remain empty. The residential development should remain stable not to overcrowd the schools and industrial development should be managed properly not to negatively effect the town

NK could have a beautiful waterfront if they only supported Wickford. Shops, restaurants, the marina...all there but we do nothing to promote it. Also, the town needs recycling everywhere, including schools and public places like playgrounds. Our school system is failing, partly because of mistakes at the state level, partly because of the influx of Title 1 students and partly because of lack of real leadership at the top. It's all for money, not for the kids. This used to be a great town. I am concerned that the town doesn't understand the value in investing in schools. Having great schools is a major draw to having families stay in a community. I am also concerned about all of the empty commercial buildings on Post Road. I think it would be great to develop plans to revitalize this areas.

I am always concerned about some residents' wanting to cut school funding when I believe it is of major importance. I worked in South Kingstown for 40 years. It would have been nice if I could have taken public transportation rather than driving my car.

Public schools and a vibrant commercial activity foster demographic diversity - both key to a healthy community ecosystem. Toss in a local "watering hole" for us locals and visitors to round out the village.

Taxes are much too high for the services received. Pay to throw trash and recycle certain items? That makes no sense! No sprinkler systems for new houses? Who did the match on that one? Running sprinklers non stop uses a lot more water than utilizing sprinkler systems. Can't wait to go back to Burnilville!

I believe that there is a direct need for funding at the schools (specifically in technology), the increased commercial development in the Wickford Junction area ( and Rte 102/2) has become a concern (what about all those empty buildings on Post Rd? and you are spending money for sewers????). And lastly, our community needs more recreational FIELDS for sports (flag football, soccer, lacrosse) other than baseball and softball. Once ballpark fences are up, not multi purpose. Lastly, it would be great to have a bike access from the west side to town. Sidewalk on stony lane??

Taxes fund development; and thoughtful residential and commercial development is necessary to manage the tax rates, which allows the town to thrive as a good place to raise a family.

I don't like seeing all the empty storefronts in Wickford. I'd like to see more use of the train station - weekend service

I am disappointed to see the the rural areas be tapped for commercial development while so much of Rt 1/Post Rd becomes wasteland. Taxes are becoming a growing burden, though I know they support much of what I enjoy and use. I fear one day not being able to afford living here anymore. Public transit is non-existent getting from the west side of town to the east without a trip to Providence and a transfer. RIPTA Flex service not available in NK.

I think we need WAY more commerce. There are not enough restaurants and shops. Wickford is so sad and pathetic. We do most of our dinning out in Providence, East Greenwich and Cranston. Also the public schools need more \$! Where are our taxes going if not to build up main street and our schools?

I love living in North Kingstown, but there needs to be more restaurants and a lot more clothing stores. There are many stores in Garden City In Cranston that would work well in North Kingstown.

Post Road from Essex Road down to Wickford needs to be developed with commercial businesses, so families don't have to keep going to other cities to shop for clothing. North Kingstown is losing revenue by underdeveloped commercial spaces.

I think there is enough commercial business and I don't want to pay more in taxes

I'm afraid of over development and loosing our small town status

I would like to see better public transportation between the train station, Wickford and Quonset. We have 3 great assets that are not connected, Better biking and walking lanes would help or Uber to drive people between the places. I don't want to be one of the highest tax rates in the state. We need to stay competitive and make it affordable to live in NK.

While I am in favor of job development, I would hate to see our community cluttered with (even more) strip malls. Small businesses are one thing, but big box stores encroach on local, small business development in addition to being an eye sore. I am comfortable with the current state of our industrial development and public school funding seems to be a state-wide concern. Not just NK. I would love for our district to stay competitive.

Taxes are very high. Reasonable per student spending on school, compared to other RI cities and towns but our educational system is feeling the crunch- programs are in danger. Commercial development is a concern because it's haphazard, spread out, not planned in clusters of development.

It is concerning seeing new residential developments going up around town, knowing that school capacity has been an issue in the recent past. Also, the commercial development is frustrating. NK must now have a branch of every known bank, and now a second Wendy's being built. I support commercial development, but the recent development has proven redundant. Commercial development should be breathing new life into our town, not giving us more of what we have enough of. Trader Joes, Panera Bread, or some other family restaurants would be nice.

They are all related. Increasing nonresidential tax base will increase funding for schools and lower residential taxes.

If I could have chosen more, I would have. As I drive around town I see many empty, previously used space that now, is a waste. North Kingstown keeps allowing new lots etc. to be built leaving the empty ugly mess. Schools are steadily going down the drain. Administrators and politicians are putting themselves before the children and it is disgusting. Taxes keep going up while residence paying them get less and less. How about all the new family friendly neighborhoods being built. You made a mistake when I was still in school, not to build a school in slocum. BIG MISTAKE!!!! By the time my kids went to school both Hamilton ( I live 2 minutes away on Tower Hill road) and Stony were so full my kids had to go to Fishing Cove. My daughter went to Hamilton, then wickford, then back to Hamilton all because the lines kept being changed while you shuffled numbers and closed schools. Now that all of these new houses are going up, where are those kids going to go to school? You have closed two, one is a terrible place that no one wants to send their kids to and employees want to run from, and that leaves you with only 3 and two of them are overcrowded. Seems like a big problem.

Small business is critical to the growth and prosperity of a community and small business is not doing well in NK.....need to promote small business, industry, positive growth....NOT tattoo studios, adult stores, gun shops, all within one mile of each other....good folks are going to move out of town leaving a lot of trouble. Education is critical....Quidnessett elementary and the north end of town has become a drain for the area. We need to redraw school lines so these kids have a fair

chance at a good education for all. Much more to say.....

The schools need more money. Support the arts in our schools. Our infrastructure is a mess. Water main leaks all the time. Hire more people for them. Getting around NK without a car is a joke. God forbid anyone shovel the sidewalk on Route 1 in the winter. It is disgraceful.

Taxes are too high in RI in general. We need to create efficiencies and shared services would be a good start. There is no need to have so many individual organizations supporting our small geographic area. As for commercial development, there is a real opportunity to have a significant impact in the town by brining in the right types of businesses to Quonset and the Post Rd. redevelopment. Places like South County Commons and Chapel View have become magnets/destinations for people from all over the state based on the businesses in their footprint. I'm concerned about the lack of development along post rd. We love development going on at Quonset! Concerned about high taxes. The schools do not get enough money for their programs, too much goes to teacher pay and retirement and the last few years the town has not approved any increases. I'm in the PTO so I know what some schools could really use. Take WMS they could have used new computers but instead it was decided to take down the tennis court that's been in terrible shape for 20 yrs! When the principal was asked what he preferred he wanted the computers. He was ignored. Our road is almost 40 yrs old and needs to be paved or at the least repaired. The neighborhood has asked the town for help but we keep being ignored. And why do plows only plow the center of the road when it's a two lane road?

We could have better restaurants, the increase of public housing in our area might affect our schools, and I don't like our public school funds going to charter schools when we already have great schools

Post Road looks like the Gaza Strip and we have cheesy stores there. This area needs development and a full overhaul. With more useful, maybe a bit upscaled stores. Schools need to keep up with technology (i.e. the tablets the kids will be getting) but not forget about the basics, arts programs and sports that still need funding. Let's teach kids a second language EARLIER than 7th grade, not only teach key boarding but also remember writing in script is important. Wish we had a town where more services were within walking distance and maybe a bike path across town for safe riding/walking

Too much affordable housing brings in people who increase the cost of education and police, thereby, taxes.

rhode map ri because we don't need bad parents with bad children corrupting our schools, overwhelming the police department and living off our tax dollars

North Kingstown is a beautiful coastal community that needs to be protected. Environmental concerns are related to septic systems pollution. Taxes - who is not worried about taxes. I would like to note that I would support more bike paths in the area.

If schools continue to lack support we are looking at relocating to towns that are more supportive of schools such as SK and Portsmouth. We are also concerned about increased traffic with each new house that is built

Another dumb question

-Public school funding has a direct impact on the students, of course, but also on the real estate value and quality of the town. -As everywhere, taxes keep going up, my paycheck does not. -We need to focus on rebuilding Wickford village and the Post Road business district.

I am concerned that North Kingstown is getting too crowded, and maybe too commercial.

Obviously I don't want higher taxes with nothing to show for them from the town. I also don't want commercial development on empty land when there are multiple empty buildings all over NK that could be utilized...i.e biomes moved into the old furniture building on Rt 1.

The roadways are in tough shape. Route 1 is a cluster and unsafe for any form of alternative transportation outside of a motorized vehicle. The "repairs" that are taking place seem to be making the roads worse and not better. Access to the business' on Route 1 is compromised. We could use restaurants that serve things other than pizza.

They are most important to me;

It's becoming more like Warwick every day

We have commercialized enough.

All are important to the town

We need a West Bay bike path in the worst way. I see the success of the East Bay and we have disconnected segments here.

Taxes are very high, I believe there is overfunding/inefficient use of special education funds without consideration for the majority of kids who do not have special needs. Why does every special education student need an aid when there are tons of talented children who need technology and more challenge?

The northern end of town is becoming much too over-developed. Post Road has been gradually moving towards more of a "Route 2 Warwick" feel for several years now. It is very frustrating to see continued construction and the increase in traffic with no end in sight. Enough is enough.

There seems to be a huge push for development. I think we need to preserve the open space we have and emphasize the walkable neighborhoods and great lifestyle this town provides, without filling up every empty space with more strip shopping.

I'd like to see more commercial development, particularly around the Wickford area which could have more restaurants to bring in needed revenue. Our taxes are much higher than others, yet our services in some instances are not as good. Ryan Park, for example, is not kept up at all except by those who volunteer to maintain the fields. Far lower quality than sports complexes in other (poorer) towns.

I feel the town council is giving too many permits for development which will change the small-town feeling of NK.

Most effect on our lives at present

Commercial development such as big box stores, can turn the town into "anywhere USA", and diminish the character of the town. Real estate taxes are at a peak from my view and require far too much of our savings.

Too many and too high taxes can smother the budgets of hardworking and retired people. I hope that in a time of need there will be an emergency preparedness plan in place whether it be a hurricane, loss of electricity or even something beyond the ordinary list. Because I am new to this State I don't have the connections I was familiar with previously. It's always reassuring that our drinking water is plentiful and good.

Taxes are too high and growing. Schools are overfunded—their facilities are excellent and our town workers work in falling down buildings and many roads are in bad shape.

Would love to connect the areas of town with some sort of safe, affordable public transportation

(electric trolleys?) so we can decrease local driving and allow kids to be more independent to get around town themselves

The property taxes are high. Post road needs improvement to attract more business. There should be more sidewalks in certain areas.

Too much low income housing will be a drain on public resources, schools and increased taxes which will force middle income earners out of NK.

You get what you pay for-we need to pay for a high performing school system to keep it there. Transportation-I can walk to train and would take it more often if there were more frequent trips south from providence at the end of the work day. I feel like my kids have not had the independence that I did growing up where there were sidewalks to walk to friends houses and roads you could bike on. There needs to be more thought put into transportation around NK for those who dont drive (teens, elders, etc)

Virtually no commercial or Industrial development going on in Town. Need a larger commercial tax base.

This town is becoming much too commercial. We pay an awful lot in taxes and do not get really any services. Basically, we get fire, police and snow removal and our street for snow removal is usually last and never thought about until the very end.

Commercial development is spreading all over the town, leaving too many vacant properties along Post Road. I favor containing the spread to core areas. We need to maintain the schools- both the physical plants and the quality of educational services provided.

Commercial development, or, more properly re-development, is crucial to broadening the tax base. The town shouldn't be known widely as NO Kingstown for the regulatory quagmire that exists.

Not well managed

I am extremely concerned that there is a concerted attempt to change the face of North Kingstown and line the pockets of developers in an attempt to increase the tax base. We have empty store fronts up and down route 2 yet it there are those pushing for development of rural areas that would, in my opinion, destroy the character of our town eliminating the benefits of living here. I have a lack of confidence in our municipal services and their ability to handle these expansions. I am not interested in making NK another Warwick.

I am very concerned about run away school funding that just keeps increasing every year raising our taxes. Taxes are too high!

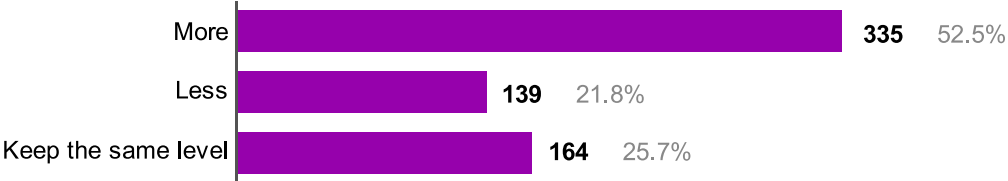
mainly concerned about potential effects of climate change and preparedness

**Residential development [Do you think we should have more, less or the same level for each of these areas of concern? ]**





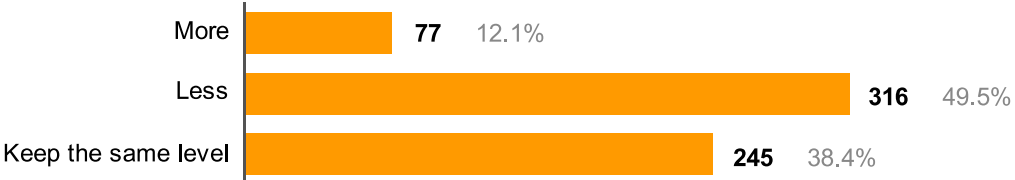
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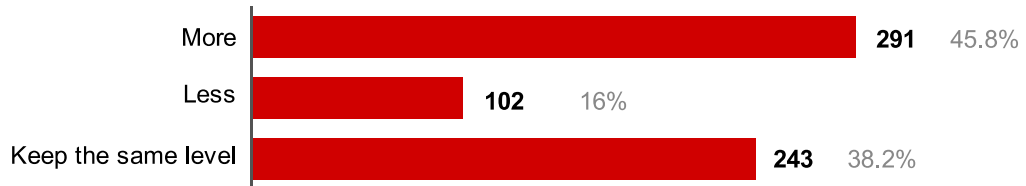
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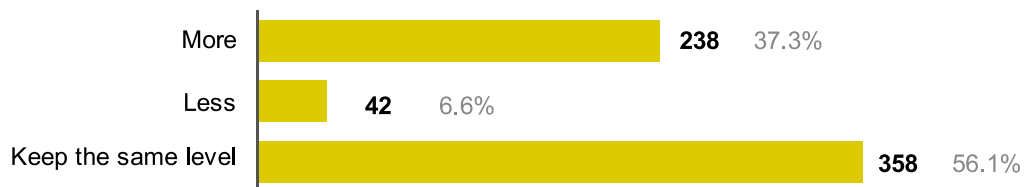
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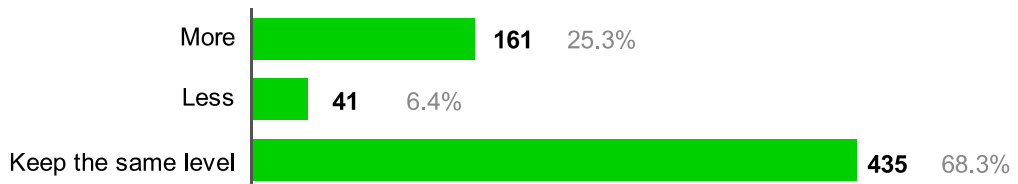
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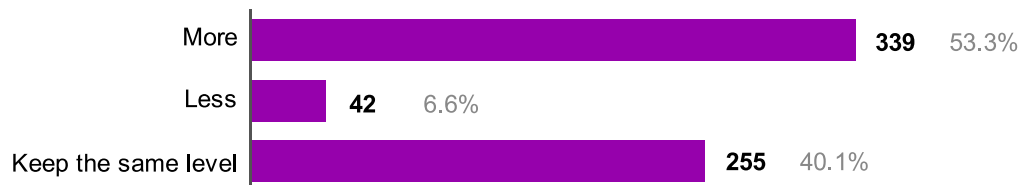
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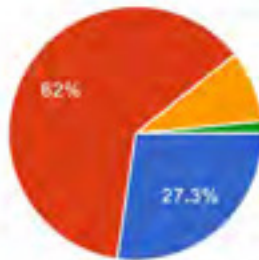
**Emergency preparedness [Do you think we should have more, less or the same level for each of these areas of concern? ]**



**Alternative modes of transportation (public transit, walking, biking) [Do you think we should have more, less or the same level for each of these areas of concern? ]**



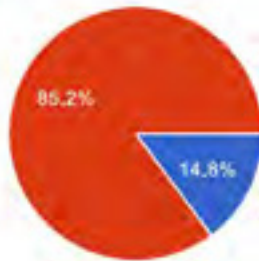
**Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in North Kingstown?**



Excellent	<b>176</b>	27.3%
Good	<b>399</b>	62%
Fair	<b>59</b>	9.2%
Poor	<b>10</b>	1.6%

**Business Owners**

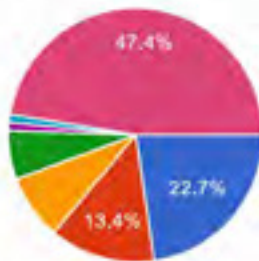
**Do you own a business?**



Yes	<b>98</b>	14.8%
No	<b>563</b>	85.2%

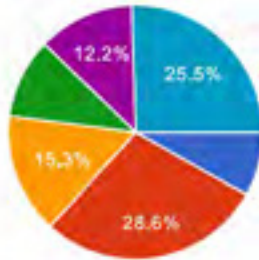
**Business Survey**

**Where is your business located?**



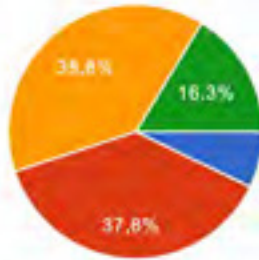
Wickford Village	<b>22</b>	22.7%
Wickford Junction/Route 102	<b>13</b>	13.4%
Post Road (north of 403)	<b>8</b>	8.2%
Post Road (south of 403)	<b>6</b>	6.2%
Frenchtown Road	<b>1</b>	1%
Quonset	<b>1</b>	1%
Other	<b>46</b>	47.4%

**How long have you owned a business in North Kingstown?**



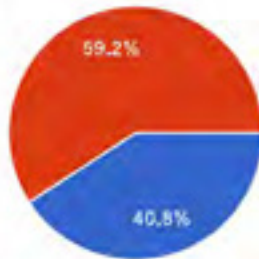
Less than 1 year	<b>8</b>	8.2%
1-5 years	<b>28</b>	28.6%
6-10 years	<b>15</b>	15.3%
11-15 years	<b>10</b>	10.2%
15-20 years	<b>12</b>	12.2%
More than 20 years	<b>25</b>	25.5%

**Overall, how would you rate North Kingstown as a place to do business?**



Excellent	<b>7</b>	7.1%
Good	<b>37</b>	37.8%
Fair	<b>38</b>	38.8%
Poor	<b>16</b>	16.3%

**Do you employ other people?**

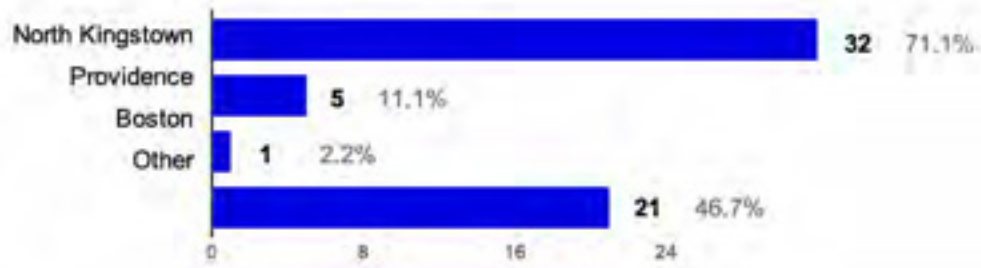


Yes	<b>40</b>	40.8%
No	<b>58</b>	59.2%

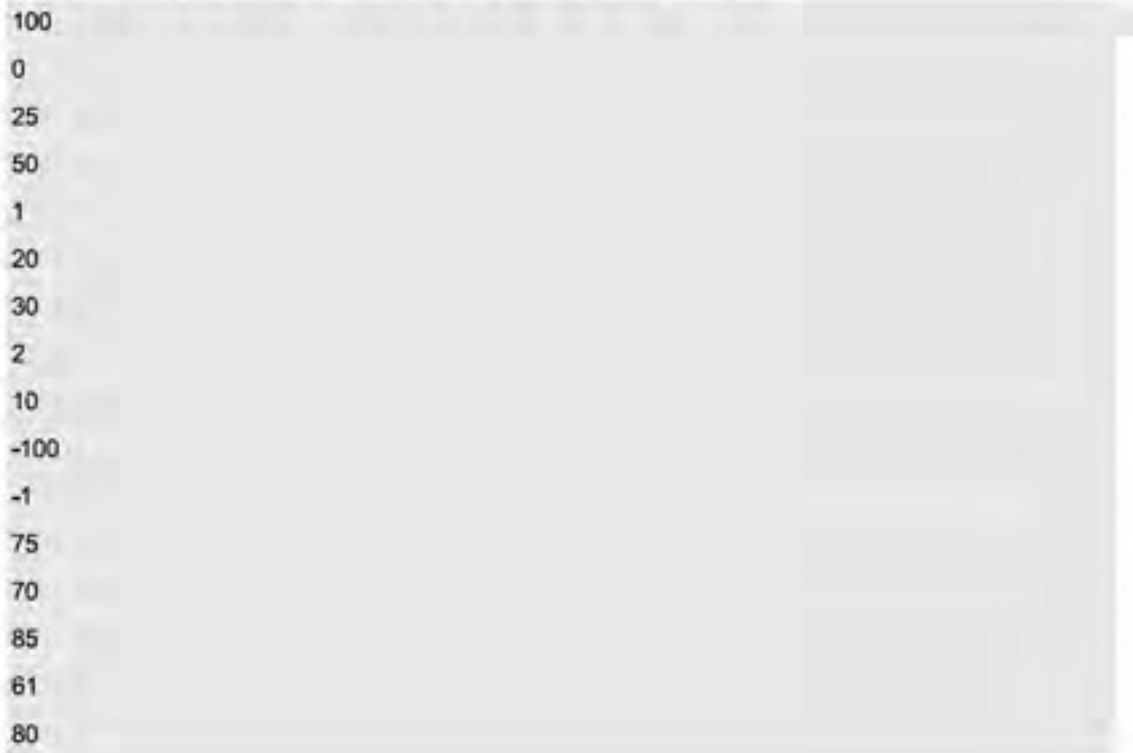
**How many people do you employ?**



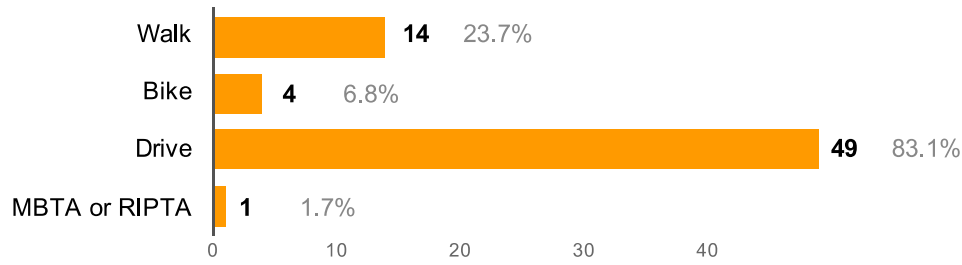
### Where do they commute from?



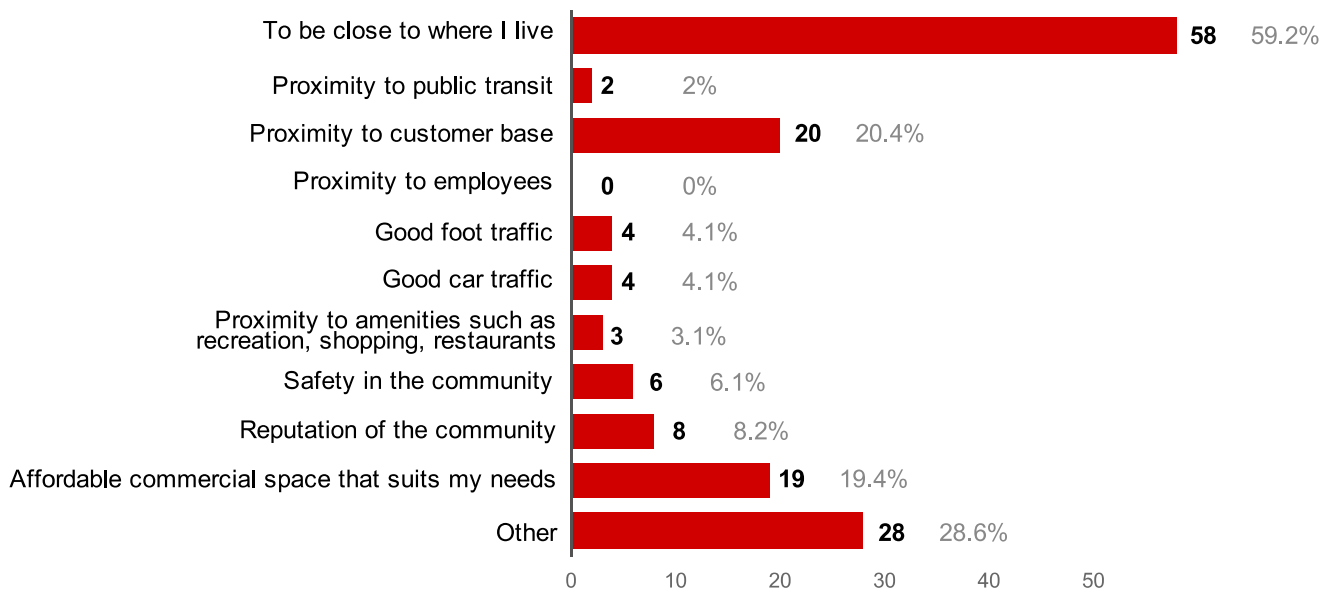
### What percent of your employees live in North Kingstown?



### How do you and your employees get to work?

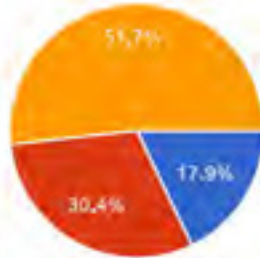


### What are the main reasons you decided to open your business in North Kingstown?



## North Kingstown's Future

Do you think North Kingstown is...



Improving	118	17.9%
Staying the same	201	30.4%
Declining	342	51.7%

Please elaborate on your answer.

Love that sewers are coming to Wickford.

The school seem to be improving.

full day k

The sewer plans for wickford will help it compete with Main Street in East Greenwich

This town has everything or should I say HAD everything. Great schools, good people, good neighborhoods, Walmart, Home Depot, And great builders adding charm and style to the town Port candidates running for office. Emptiness is everywhere! Roads stinks! Taxes too high for what we get! Schools are dirty and need maintaining now!

Wickford and Post Road declining however sewers may help improve them. Not much advancement in renewable energy. Need to do more with sea level rise and climate change adaptation...work in progress. Schools still great. Open space preservation still strong.

Special interests and elected officials that do not listen to resident concerns

Comprehensive plan is killing our town

Taxes are fine public municipal services are declining fast Post rd is a ghost town. The are 30+ pizza places but no real food places except Greggs and PCFP

Look around, it's pretty dumpy these days.

We're at a tipping point in NK's history. We should continue to focus our efforts on redeveloping Quonset and Post Road, but stop looking to develop other parts of the town. We need to keep the small town, rural feel. Don't turn NK into Cranston/Warwick.

There is nothing to do for youngsters and young families here. Everything is geared to older generations. The music that plays in town is great for over 40 but kids need some attention too. A full time rec center to engage kids on weekends etc even a bar that has live music on weekends would please the crowd. Gillians is great if you have a car but you can't walk there without risking your life!

Relatively high taxes with little to no effective town services.

It's always evolving. Sometimes things are good, sometimes not so hot, but that's the nature of the economy and life in RI. Change the Post Road zoning back to General Business (or some form thereof) and skip those ridiculous Horsely Witten plans that the town wasted all their money on. I could have designed better plans in 15 minutes for free (so now you know it's KarenLu).

Taxes keep going up and services continue to decline, Ex.. \$6000+- in taxes and not even any town trash pickup..

Stagnant economic development which threatening the town tax base.

Too many empty store fronts and neglected properties. Poor condition of roads, sidewalks and curbsings.

No businesses. Post Rd is a ghetto to put it nicely.

Quonset shops has not helped business on Post Rd, We needed to have different types of business moving to Post Rd, not Pizza Shops, Gas Stations, Banks and Nail Salons. Step back and look at the closure of Lowes they were given a bill of sale by QDC and did not back them with the draw they said they would have. Now given the new homes that will be built in Reynolds Farm and other development of homes on Post Rd the Lowes Store would have had a better chance of staying open. Built 5 years to early.

Lack of transparency by TC; horrible TM;

Corrupt town council and town manager are really damaging the town.

Sewers! Rail station!

Not attracting business post rd empty Need to better fund our schools and slow residential growth

There are so many topics to discuss - where to begin? Our town council has its program backwards - our town manager should answer to the council, not the other way around. Fix that so there is faith in the process.

I elaborated on this in a previous answer but to summarize, the town has more low income housing than any other surrounding town, we are drawing people from other towns to live in North Kingstown low income housing which is unfairly burdening the citizens of North Kingstown. The previous comprehensive plan calls for the southern end of town to remain rural, preserving the farm lands there, and establishing the Post Road area as the commercial center, the town government has changed the rules in order to make the Wickford Junction area the town center, and in doing so have disadvantaged both the north and the south end of town.

This town was affected Quonset Point closing in the 70's and recovered and then started on the road of DEVELOPMENT that was not organized or controlled. Post Road is an eyesore with all the empty and rundown buildings while an undeveloped part of town is being approved for a residential/village type development. Wickford Junction has never been fully occupied due to costs. The train station is a joke, MBTA with few runs that do not make it convenient to commute to Providence or Boston, no weekend service. RIPTA has so cut back on runs it is impossible to have many citizens use the bus if they don't drive to a park and ride..hmm that pretty much leaves the senior citizens in this town waiting and hoping that they can catch a ride on the little town bus or a friend to go to the store or doctors offices. Fix what is broken and leave the rest alone while planning carefully for development and the costs to the taxpayers. Old advice, but "Use it up, make it do or do without"!

If Post Rd does not develop correctly and in a timely manner, population will continue to decline.

Increased Section 8 housing, Declining school system due to poor funding, road conditions, high



taxes, Increase of town budget with no visible improvement in services; give me my monies worth. I think we are at a tipping point where NK can choose to either improve or decline based on its decisions in the next few years. The use of TDR and location of commercial and retail along Post Road is consistent with moving resources to areas that can support them. However, the reduction of this road from 4 lanes to 3, appears contrary to that. At the same time, the continued lack of listening to residents who do not want commercial outside of the USB is very concerning and has major potential to irreversibly change the landscape and character of the Town; the fact that this road is continuing to be 4 lanes (plus turning lanes) to the Rt 2/102 split further encourages traffic and reduces the rural appeal.

When only 53% of the townspeople show up to vote in a major election, it makes a loud statement and not a pleasant one. They have thrown up their hands and now adapt a "why bother?" attitude, because they know they will be delivered the same old, same old. Unfortunately, their absence from the voting booth pretty much creates a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The government seems out of sync with the residents. Every election its the same outcome: 3 republicans get elected and control the agenda. The funny thing is that my republican friends in town also dislike the people who are elected.

Too much "insider" political pandering. Home values declining. Nothing wrong with my septic system; why should I have to connect to town sewage system?

Schools are in decline Senior housing is improving Roads stop the flooding Respect our police Respect our Firefighters STOP losing tax income! Be more transparent & use simple logic not all your political BS. Please

Road infrastructure is declining, public safety is not completely adequate, emergency preparedness is virtually non existent

I see no change for the better, but I also see no change for the worse.

It seems that some people on the new Town Council are engaging the public through social media to get involved in the community, and that's a good thing. Information is flowing more now than at any other time I've lived here and I feel more informed and connected. So much so that I'm getting involved and creating a public event in NK for the first time (something I did a LOT of when I lived in Newport).

We are starting to loose our character. Too many regulations.

Not many signs of growth, especially along Post Road corridor. Infrastructure has not improved significantly. Schools still struggling to have budgets fully funded.

Too much new development. People vote for more open space and the Town Council encourages more development. The town defies the express wishes of the people.

In some ways we are declining: suburban sprawl, destruction of the town's character, and continuing development while we have a strip of empty businesses along parts of Post Road. In other ways we are improving: establishment of more parks and public recreation, great recreational and arts programs for residents, the new senior center, and our attempts to be more responsible with our waste water.

Brown Street and Main Street can't agree on anything. North of the State Police Barracks has always been the dumping grounds for anything Wickford or Saunderstown won't take, so I think everything is about the same.

Nothing gets done in terms of improving the quality of life for tax-paying residents. Post Road is a

mess, despite promises, studies, plans to improve it. There are more empty store fronts each year, and every year our taxes go up.

Tax increases every year.

In order to be one of the best communities in the state to live you have to be willing to invest in schools, municipal services and have a strong commercial base. This means that you may not be able to have the lowest tax rates and be willing to pay a little more to continue to be ranked highly which will pay dividends in terms of property values and quality of life.

less funding, shady business with town council decisions, more low income housing coming in, more apartment complexes coming in

I want it to stay the same. That is my concern that it will change and not be the place I chose to raise my family.

Post Road north is a disaster

The failure of the majority of our elected officials to listen to the informed public is disheartening. Newer residents don't care to dredge up the politics of the past; we want to focus on the current state of affairs and the future. I'd like our elected our officials to do the same.

as far as I can see, it still has much of the same charm and the town folks are still as warm and a bit eccentric as I remember them as a child. I truly love it here!!!

We are not happy about the prospect of the new "village development" at Rte 102 and 2

Certain town council members are using their positions to benefit themselves and friends. Keep development on route 1 rather than route 2 north/west of route 4. Route 1 is a disaster. Fix that before allowing massive commercial development or cluster developments in other areas.

Too many vacant commercial buildings. No enough tax base to support services that would improve quality of life.

Post Rd is stagnant or deteriorating; no efforts to improve the look, functionality or health of it. Too many attempts to destroy the rural character of the town, especially the s/western end w/ development. Has been way too much siting of low income residents in NK, which is hurting our tax base and burdening our school system w/ excessive special services. Seems NK is now a mecca for the urban centers to relocate too. As a policy this is overburdening the town financially. We can only handle so much affordable & low income housing. Taxes increasing every year, no effort on the part of the town to reduce costs and keep taxes lower.

Just look at Post Rd in NK vs Main St in EG.

North Kingstown has a lot going for it. It is a beautiful rural town but still offers it's residents retail conveniences without being a route 2 in Warwick. It has an excellent school system and community. It has access to some of RI's best natural resources. It also has a shining example of industrial success. Quonset is a model for the rest of the state but I believe that is where NK's industrial growth should be concentrated and the rest of the town should maintain it's rural character. I also believe Post Road is an eyesore and needs to be fixed. It is the "center" of our town and is a reflection on our community. There is no cohesion to the development and it is a mish mash of strip malls. The development on the road needs to be consolidated and the rest of the space turned back into open space.

East Greenwich is vibrant and hopping right over the border, Cant see past the vacant signs and dilapidated buildings in NK.

As stated previously, I don't want to live in Warwick.

Wickford and post rd have more stores closed then open.

see previous answers regarding new buildings and development while current vacant structures are unused and deemed unusable due a myriad of "red tape" factors

Higher cost of services/taxes, declining infrastructure.

For sure....just take a ride down ghost road if you dare to ruin your car on poor roads. Vacant businesses , poorly governed. High taxes. No sewers.

We are glad that sewers are coming to Wickford because it is a ghost town with lots of empty storefronts. We don't think it was fair to only put the burden of sewers on commercial property owners. The Wickford residents should also have sewers - why do they get to pollute the bay? We are worried that between the Hussy bridge work then the sewer disruption, plus increase of property taxes which will increase merchants rent, all will contribute to more businesses not being able to make it in Wickford.post Rd needs major help - all of the towns focus should not be only on Wickford. The town should beautify the town parking lot - it's a dump now and could really be a vibrant and useful area ( make better and more use of the docks to encourage people to visit by boat). If the town could buy one piece of Wickford property, buy the part of the parking lot that Job Lot owns so the town owns all of it and can control and beautify the area.

Post Road traffic is worse, and losing one travel lane as is planned seems like a bad decision. Although it works on Rte. 2, Post Rd. gets much more traffic. I would like to see bike path extended, and no more low income housing.

Commercial development is haphazard and neglectful of character. Models of development that maintain character present throughout the country, and as close as Massachusetts, are seemingly ignored. I no longer feel like part of Souyh County of my youth, save when I am on the water in my kayak. Sense of community has declined as well. Commercial and residential properties need to be redeveloped rather than building in open space.

We need a more responsive local government that takes care of the infrastructure through the entire town. Roads and bridges are deteriorating. Should also finally do something with the Old Town Hall rather than leave that to continue to deteriorate as well.

Because very little is happening that can effect improvement. The development of Wickford Junction along with expanded commuter services could bring people with more money to spend on housing in NK. Our schools are very good. We could be more like Conn. Where people live in the small towns and commute to work on the train.

I live in Wickford, we have several houses that are on the market, our street is in total disrepair and no one seems to be looking into it.

Some aspects have declined since the 1980s, when I went to high school here; other aspects have improved. The loss of the Navy base and the general migration of commercial business from Rt. 1 to Rt. 2 has hurt, and the town has not adapted well as the business climate improved with the increasing property values and arrival of families with more disposable income. Instead, development in already development areas has been forestalled by unrealistic town bylaws and has been allowed to proceed underregulated in greenspace, increasing sprawl without maximizing existing resources.

This is a tired community and getting more tired. People have no money and the town does not have enough money. historically, the Town has treated business poorly. It seems that more attention is placed on the schools and not enough on economic development. I see no near-term solution. The entire situation developed over decades, and it is not going away via some magic fix.

The town today reflects the attitudes of townspeople, so perhaps that is the place to start. State-level policies and taxation have driven business out, and North Kingstown is greatly affected by these state-level policies.

Seems to be less political infighting and more being accomplished by local and state gov'ts roads are a mess. So many vacant buildings. Wickford needs a major overhaul with sewers and more restaurants and night life and activities to draw people in. I drove through the little town of Pawtuxet the other afternoon and it was just bustling with activity. Many restaurants and bars and wonderful little shops. It's sad to see Wickford all closed up for the night by 5pm!

Lack of retail and commercial development. Rte. 1 is a disaster. Retail stores are leaving. Too many empty shops in Wickford.

It's progressing. It just needs to build in areas that truly need it

The new housing development is declining tending to meet the state requirements of affordable housing. Because of the attitude of the Town Hall businesses do not want to come to this Town. It seems that the Town does not want commercial or industrial businesses. Will see what the sewers will do for the Post Road and Wickford Village. My guess is nothing.

just look at post road

Half of post road has empty stores

From when we moved here 15 years ago, I have seen a decline in the rural character of the town. Honestly, it's depressing to see what used to be an open lot turned into yet another bank or credit union. Post Road between Camp Avenue and Wickford has changed quite a bit, and seeing the land torn up for the two housing developments there is disheartening. I drive by the new development across from the Town Hall every day, and while the houses that are being built are attractive, it looks ridiculous how they are jammed into such a small lot. North Kingstown is losing some of its rural nature and charm.

I see dedicated people trying to do a good job. Keep listening to the people and I'm sure you'll learn a lot.

I think times have changed so ordinance should change to allow more employment

The funds in the town are not adequately divided between the school and the town. Eventually, this is going to start to show and people will move.

Many of the businesses in the Post Road district are closing, while other areas are being developed for no apparent reason. The train station is not being used effectively. A huge amount of money was wasted on lawyers for the fire department rather than settling with them. These are all signs of a town in decline.

We need to provide more opportunities for students on all levels

Town sewers are necessary before you can do any serious development of any kind. Should have been done years ago when EG did it.

It's getting too crowded, need to slow down growth. Fill some of the empty stores before new are built.

under the current town management and town council, the town continues locked in standstill with very little progress and progress that is being made is due to outside driving forces. need a new town manager and hold accountable the current town council members engaging in bullying behaviors.

It's sad to see so many businesses closed.

Let's focus on the Wickford area. Historic homes are in decline with peeling paint, empty storefronts, and a decline in business traffic. Wickford/NK panders to newcomers who make promises and then bow out (Alex and Anni, Providence developer on both school and other projects). Voting down and then not continuing to attempt to find other sewer options and polluting the harbor and waterfront. Real estate holdings show a plethora of properties on the market, club and association membership (Histwick) struggling, events like the annual village art show showing a decline in attendance.

Taxes are very high and the cost of water continually rising. This is the first town I have lived in where I have to pay to have my household trash collected. I pay over \$11,000 a year in real estate taxes for my home and then have to pay to have my garbage collected. I appreciate the historic character of North Kingstown and its location on the bay, but I am not sure how much longer I can afford to live in this community and in Rhode Island in general. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Quality of life is diminishing versus the expense of living in NK due to sometimes reckless development, lack of regard for historic resources, reduced municipal services. A bright light is the addition of full day kindergarten.

Please see my previous answers. Additionally, it's really hard to not compare the quality of life in East Greenwich and South Kingstown (especially Wakefield) with the quality of life in NK. Main Street in EG and Main Street in Wakefield are hubs of activity, are arts and cultural destinations, and have great places to eat. With very few exceptions, NK is a cultural and culinary wasteland, and while Wickford is attractive, it doesn't even come close to the appeal of the other communities I mentioned. I lived in Wickford (adjacent to Hussey Bridge) for almost ten years, and while it's a very pretty village, it caters to tourists and the well-to-do. It does not have the same level of activity or attraction as EG and Wakefield do. Wickford basically closes down every day of the week at dusk, has a high commercial vacancy/turnover rate, and never changes with the times. Not so in other similar communities. And NK as a whole is the same as Wickford.

Post Rd is depressing. So many businesses have closed. Wickford seems dead next to East Greenwich. Of course it's not as large as EG, but there is little to draw people to Wickford (unlike the draw EG has).

I love it here, the people are wonderful and the town is a very scenic place but the taxes are a tremendous burden. Not sure how we will ever sell our house with such high taxes. I don't think the town is necessarily "declining", but it isn't getting better, and there are a lot of empty store fronts on Post Rd and in Wickford - too many.

I was a resident for over forty years until my husband and I realized we couldn't afford the taxes on our home once we were both on disability. So we had to move. The decline I am referring to is mainly on Post Road. Businesses have closed without others replacing them, making the area seem a virtual ghost town.

Town has a lot of vacant retail, on post road, Lowe's and in the Dave's plaza. We need to stop new construction and use/ upgrade what is existing and looking run down. We need more activities for tweens and teens so they don't turn to vandalism.

It is getting way too crowded and too many low income people are moving in

Fire service is poor, schools and recreation grounds are not well maintained. Taxes are high for what we get. No trash pick up, poor roads, poor snow removal, over taxed under utilized area.

With the leaders we have now the town will never move forward

See previous answer. Leadership needs to grow up!

look at post road and the village businesses

There is no sense of order and a lack of service the taxpayers deserve

it appears that the town is not appreciating the fact that many people are attracted to North Kingstown for it's natural history and rural communities. The encroachment of commercialization without regard to the deterioration of post road does not appear to make sense to those of us who live in town. The focus should be on returning businesses to post road and not inviting them to rural parts of the town.

Quonset business is helping with more jobs - this is good for the economy

There is far too much section 8 housing in our town. Reading the police report almost half of the incidents are with people in/from those areas. Speaking to people who work in schools it is clear that their children they make up a disproportional amount of the special needs students. They place an unfair burden on our police and schools, and are a big reason why most of the educated residents move away and don't come back after college. The big box stores (Kohl's, Walmart, Home Depot) make up another significant portion of our arrests, and they put an unfair strain on local businesses. Post road a ghost town because businesses there could not keep up with the competition from these mega corporations. Any issues with municipal or school funding could be solved with the elimination of section 8 housing and the resulting scale back in police/education resources. Post road is an embarrassment. The town should buy / seize the vacant properties, demolish, and then auction... but with significant restraints on the type of development (sidewalk front businesses with parking in the back instead of stripmalls). The town could also benefit from a bike lane on this road.

Land use planning has focused development so the character of NK has not suffered. Hopefully that will continue.

The look of Post Rd is an embarrassment, it may as well be Warwick. Empty storefronts throughout town attest to the sad business climate in NK and also in RI.

Getting overbuilt and too controlling to live here

I think the TC should be comprised of delegates from the different districts in NK. As in one from quid, one from slocum, etc. I fell that the current TC is at odds with each other, which us hurting productivity.

Quonset Industrial development for businesses has been great. Retail stores and restaurants are poor.

I don't think the town council is addressing the needs of the community. Example - you won't provide exemptions for small doggy daycare but you do not have a limit for how many dogs an individual can have. You show concern for water contamination, but you allow auto salvage yards to operate near bodies of water.

Crime rate is rising. Too much turnover in rental property. Not N.K. fault.

There's a lot of commercial development happening that doesn't seem to be moving in the right direction - like the new Wendy's at the Stop and Shop Plaza. And the large housing developments such as Reynolds Farms doesn't really seem to match the small town community that makes NK so special.

We need more business like restaurants an Applebees or texas road house and LESS banks and nail salons

More vacant spaces, no new businesses, poor impression for potential investors. Wickford closed by 6:00 PM and Post road dark by 9:00 P M. Look at East Greenwich and South Kingstown.

Post Road corridor declining; attempt at changing rural character very concerning!

wickford should be more active like Main Street in east Greenwich or downtown mystic ct.

For the taxes we paid there are not a lot of services. No trash pick up, no sewage connection.

Wickford is cute, everything closes early. For all of our dinning we go out of town. It's sad to drive down Post Road and see how empty it is.

The amount of shopping development is awful especially with all the empty buildings. Very unhappy and concerned about this!!!!!!

North Kingstown is losing its "rural feel" and downtown Wickford is clearly distressed as bigger businesses along 2 and 102 and Post Road. Additionally, the Post Road commercial area continues to see little or now development.

I really can't answer...as the question is too broad.

Vacant buildings. Along Post Road

Post rd looks awful, wickford looks awful with all of the closed businesses.

Too much low income housing

Post Road looks like Detroit with all the empty buildings.

Town Manager and Town Council majority should stop suffocating control and making it about them and listen to the desires of the citizens. We could be a primary place to live, work and visit. We should definitely develop our waterfront and make it more boater friendly. We should develop Wickford Junction and make it more like Garden City, and take the lead to attract more high-end stores and expand the train schedule so people can make use of it. We should plant trees, flowers, clean our dirty streets and dirty government.

Over the past 10+ years, I have seen improvements in key areas of town (route 2 / route 102 area), improvements along route 1, plus additional development (residential and commercial) in a variety of locations around town.

I think there is currently a good balance in NK

The town council is a mess and our taxes do not need to keep getting hire. Our politicians have no idea what they are doing.

Making a comparison to other places I've traveled for business and leisure, North Kingstown, like many localities in Rhode Island, feel like they're in hibernation compared to communities in the South, Mountain West and West Coast that have healthy combinations of entrepreneurship, newer residential stock, political will to embrace innovation, and an energy that I simply don't see in this community.

We've seen improvements as far as shopping is concerned, but do not see any new businesses making an impact as far as employment or helping the town tax base.

I think NK is trying to improve, but I don't see a commitment to any one objective for a sustained period to achieve success. First it was Quonset, then it was Post Road Corridor, then it was Wickford Junction, now it is sewers for Downtown Wickford. None of these thrusts seem to be sustained.

I find alot of People moving out of town due to the taxes. And Wickford closes up so early people come to shop and find everything close up. There are alot of shops in Wickford that are empty. Because of silly rules they have.

Many Wickford businesses are closed. Post Rd. is unattractive and we are putting in commercial spaces that are "anywhere USA" like the development at Wickford Junction. And more is planned for Rt 2/102. I am sad to see North Kingstown lose its unique and lovely character.

See previous answer. Warwick creep continues.

Town seems to be in an uproar over minor issues not all things are broke

Implementing Full Day Kindergarten was a success, and much needed, this past year. However, I'm embarrassed to drive along Post Rd. It's a ghost town. Some of the big businesses are convenient (e.g. Home Goods, Home Depot), but many small businesses are taking a hit. We need a good restaurant in Wickford to draw in a younger crowd. There are so many families in North Kingstown, and Wickford (as well as surrounding areas) doesn't necessarily cater to that population. Main street in East Greenwich is hopping most weeknights. I know the current sewer and water lines presents a problem, but my family would spend more money in that area if there was more of a draw.

No progress on job development, the increasing school budget without adequate services for children with learning disabilities and language programs in elementary and middle schools. The lack of public transportation. The windmill debacle. Lack of leadership and transparency in the town. It seems that residents are looking to improve - i.e. sewer projects, Quonset, schools

Again due to the seemingly unplanned and non-consideration of tax payer wishes! It seems that the town council listens only to certain groups and ignores everyone else!

Too much residential and commercial growth. We don't need to be the next Warwick.

Need to improve the business climate within the town: permits/licensing; taxes; sewers for Wickford.

I have lived in North Kingstown for 25 years. I am disappointed in the direction the town has taken to allow wind turbines to be built so close to residential homes. The town manager should not have approved this eye sore for our town. They do not belong in a residential areas. There are many vacant commercial buildings that should be utilized before allowing new construction. There is not enough water supply now and by increasing residential and commercial development will cause many problems in the future.

Taxes are too high, driven, in part, by the bloated public school system. For example, the NKSD has 22% more administrators in the last five years DESPITE losing 8% of their students in the same period. Utilities are also up, driven by counterproductive activists/green energy initiatives. Property values are also down. Bottom line: Look at all the businesses closing/stores available on Post Road. Check our demographics—NK is hemorrhaging the younger people and the middle class—yet we wish to accelerate this by more of the same. See the slanted question that follows for more of the anti-business idiocy.

There are vacant commercial buildings (post rd.) and developers want to build. This well effect our water table, traffic, population and more.

Taxes are high. Many vacant retail stores in strip malls. Development of retail stores are non existent and should encourage merchants to relocate to NK.

The stance on public safety tells me that you have a grudge and not looking in the best interest of the community

The growth potential is there. There is little action and things take a long time to get going.

Please see my answer above about the public schools. Many, many families choose to move to



NK for the schools. If you do not increase funding and do not provide the level of education that NK has had for years then families (like ours) will choose to move to other towns. In addition our recreation department is in a very sad state. The benches at the playground are literally falling apart. The bathrooms at Wilson park disgusting and could use sprucing up. There are limited programs compared to SK. Again, it's all a priority and funding issue. Tennis courts are in bad shape and there are no indoor tennis facilities in this town at all. Why aren't foreign languages taught? There could be community classes for that. The lack of rec programs is really sad. Not just for the children but for adults as well. And how many more banks, pizza places and nail salons does this town need? How about a Felicia's type place? Would love to see bike paths and sidewalks. This town has a long way to go.

I had hoped that NK would beautify route 1, which is a very ugly stretch of road, but it hasn't. I do like the bike path tho and really would love for it to be extended south further.

Needs to stop all this silly infighting and deal with more of the important matters.

Increased traffic, increased presence of commercial buildings, declining resources for the schools I think NK is probably staying the same. I think the school system is declining. Our youngest child actually left the public system for private, despite being a life-long proponent of public schools. I think much of it is due to common core and the move towards standardization and testing at the expense of the arts, physical activities (which kids absolutely need for their best learning) and fostering curiosity and love of learning. Teachers seem unhappy and all 3 of my younger son's teachers retired at the end of the year he had them. The long day (getting home at 4:30 for an elementary school kid) was really hard on him. Most young kids are the early risers. Ridiculous to have them start later than the exhausted teens in high school who could really use the extra sleep and stay later in the day. My friends whose kids attended NKHS over the past decade say that the kids who attended 5 or 6 years ago had a better experience than those who attended in the past 2 or 3 years. They say the teachers seem demoralized with common core and other changes. I tend to think this is true. I also dislike that there is so much WIFI when wired routers would have been safer and cheaper. I think the school system was very irresponsible in not looking at the current researching coming from schools like Harvard and Stanford that show serious concerns with intensive EMFS from WIFI. I have not found the school system to be at all receptive to addressing the issue.

We need to keep the small town feel. Way too many housing projects.

It is bordering on declining given the substandard condition recreational areas have been left to in the past few years.

I don't think we are keeping up w technology in our town offices. We need to bring in more business and keep our family run businesses running. Wickford lags behind EG in terms of after five business.

I think North Kingstown is trying to improve. They have bike paths and walking paths to help fitness. They have fairly good school system compared to the rest of the state. I am looking forward to see changes.

Moved here from Cranston. Liked the rural character of NK. This character is slowly being diminished. Things like the proposed Rolling Geens development are not an asset to this town, development of the Post Road area and continued growth in Quonset should be a priority not the rural areas of town. The new Wendy's does not appeal to this rural side of town.

Still high taxes and fighting at school meetings.

The main roads in North Kingstown except for 1A are ugly. Post Road is dumpy looking and so is Ten Rod Road. Wickford is a gem that has not been discovered yet. The old Ryans market should be a whole foods.

Post Road and Wickford are ghost towns! Depressing driving up post Rd. and so many empty store fronts in Wickford! We need to expand the bike path too! So much potential!

Post road needs a face lift. We need to provide a town that businesses want to move into all the vacant buildings. Sewers will all Wickford business owners to establish more restaurants. Take a look at Main Street EG- It's thriving.

Look at all the For Sale signs and closed shops on Post Road. Its terrible. The roads are horrible as well.

Too much Low income housing

Things that should be improving are Post Road development, increased business in Wickford.

Declining successful businesses, deteriorated roads, disconnect between town officials/members, poor service at town hall clerks office, too many abandoned buildings, poor utilization of port.

Over several years we have less services and higher taxes. The addition of bike paths are a plus as well as the newer high school.

Small town feeling is gone; we have become Warwick. Commercial development may be good for state, but NK: not so much. Our roads are in perpetually pathetic condition (NOT just from this winter), and roads are not adequate to support increases in traffic fueled by excessive residential & commercial growth. Real estate taxes are disproportionate, and commercial "tax break deals" are below par. Car taxes are inconsistent. Education is continuing to ask for MORE \$, student enrollment is dropping, and the education system we're funding gamers better wages/benefits than the average taxpayer supporting them.

many empty stores in Wickford and Post Road Store fronts are old and outdated we need some businesses to remain here and thrive

Already stated

I think more needs to be done to support our schools and businesses. I also feel that sidewalks and bike paths should be added to our streets and neighborhoods.

When I moved to NK Quonset Point was closing. I have been very pleased to see the continuing improvement in the quality of life despite losing the Navy.

There are insufficient services for the taxes we pay.

I am thrilled to learn NK is revisiting it's mission statement (comprehensive plan). It seems that the town lacks no vision for the future. Many feel that this town was good enough for them growing up, therefore why does anything need to be changed? Not looking to change the feeling of the town, but it's stagnant. The fact that we have built a beautiful Beechwood Center that cannot be used by anyone other than seniors, and closes by 5pm is absurd. How about weekend trains from Wickford Junction to bring people to Providence, to connect to Boston?? It's like there are good ideas, but then the use is limited and not thought out. No vision.

Schools are great. Unfortunately lack of proper commercial, particularly restaurant, development is inhibiting the growth and sustainability of the quality of life people are looking for in South County.

Empty Wickford Storefronts concern me

The new bike path is a notable improvement.

education

There are fewer businesses and fewer jobs. Why can't we build a Target where the Lowes was? Why must I leave NK to get all of our needs met?

I live in the north end., Kings wood drive area, Post road is a disgrace and embarrassment . It is completely different at the southern end. In the north end I feel and have complained for years about Steven Campo, from R.I. Green. He has turned his properties on post rd and 23 Austin road into a dumping ground!

Due to the lack of development on Post Road and lack of commercial businesses(i.e. Clothing stores) we are not competitive with other towns and are losing revenue because I need to leave North Kingstown to do most of my shopping.

To many homes per acre. The development on Boston Neck Rd is an example

There are great opportunities but I see the same faces on the boards that keep movement stagnant. We need to gather new ideas and act on them to bring more tourists to town and more businesses that will help with our tax base. Quonset is a model of success for the State but we don't engage the people who work there to get involved in our community and shop in our stores. We don't provide transportation for workers to get into the business park. Wickford has great potential once the sewers are added, we need people who want to bring in tourists and have creative ideas on how to make Wickford a destination to be working on committees to drive positive change.

I see solar panels along side the bike path in Quidnessett! This, for me, is not just community improvement but environmental awareness. I've lived in a variety of areas of RI (Providence, Pawtucket, Cumberland, etc) and no town that I've ever lived in fixes things as fast as NK. North Kingstown offers a nice balance between maintaining tradition and "old school" values while keeping up with the times. After the flood, I noticed that there was improvements done to our neighborhood drainage.

Post Rd development is non-existent. Wickford village is slowly dying. Too many obstacles in this town to do business. Town never recovered from the navy leaving back in the 1970's.

I do not have enough space. People in power need to stop abusing the system. There needs to be more for people to do without paying an arm and a leg. Not everyone here is dirt poor or filthy rich. You are forgetting the bred and butter of NK, the working middle class!!!! Wake up NK.

As previously stated, the Town is headed in a negative direction. Adult stores, gun shops, tattoo studios all within one mile of each other on one of our main streets....disgusting! Let's get some beautiful small business, promote positive small business's for the town? LOWER TAXES FOR BUSINESS. Stop the drain in northern end of town. Redraw the school lines, Quidnessett elementary doesn't have a chance to thrive....free and reduced lunch ratio is too high. REDRAW LINES

Have you LOOKED at Post Road in the North end of town? It is like Detroit. Make it EASIER for people to stay in business.

Cost of living continues to rise. I am not sure this is specifically an NK issue but more likely a RI issue. Our taxes are too high, our services are too low and there is no good plan to promote new businesses to locate in the state. There are many better options elsewhere. Eventually, the people with options will take them and RI will be stuck with those who have none.

It's a great town to live in and we are happy to be here. The quality of life has been consistent

Need a place for the older kids to hang out and have fun. Do something with the Wickford Market

so they can go there after school for meetings (as an alternative to the library), food, fun. Do we really need a Wendy's with everything the population knows about fast food???

There are too many vacant commercial spaces throughout the Town, and especially on Post Road. Too much big box growth. Loosing the town feeling.

taxes go up every year, and we are a community where there is a lot of income

I have read plans to improve education and see development however I am very concerned about the abandon buildings

This is based on what I read in the Standard Times re the town audit and the current infighting among town council members.

high taxes and empty business buildings everywhere. NK is not welcoming to new business- makes it very difficult.

Taxes too high

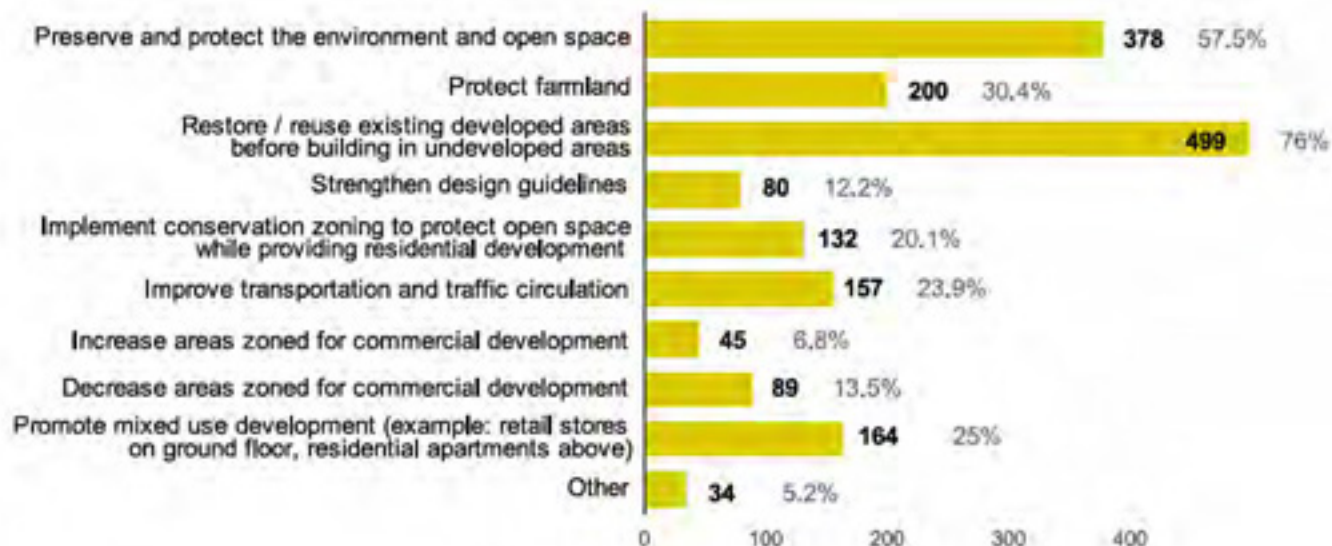
The growth of Quonset has been an exciting opportunity to bring more people to NK to support surrounding businesses and our tax base. The replacement of NKHigh was also a big improvement. Other than development at quonset, I do not see anything else

I see all these vacant stores (especially along Route 1), yet I see more development in other areas like by Home Depot where it's already a traffic issue. I'm always backed up at the Route 2/Route 102 intersection by Home Depot. The town is becoming more and more like Warwick every day!

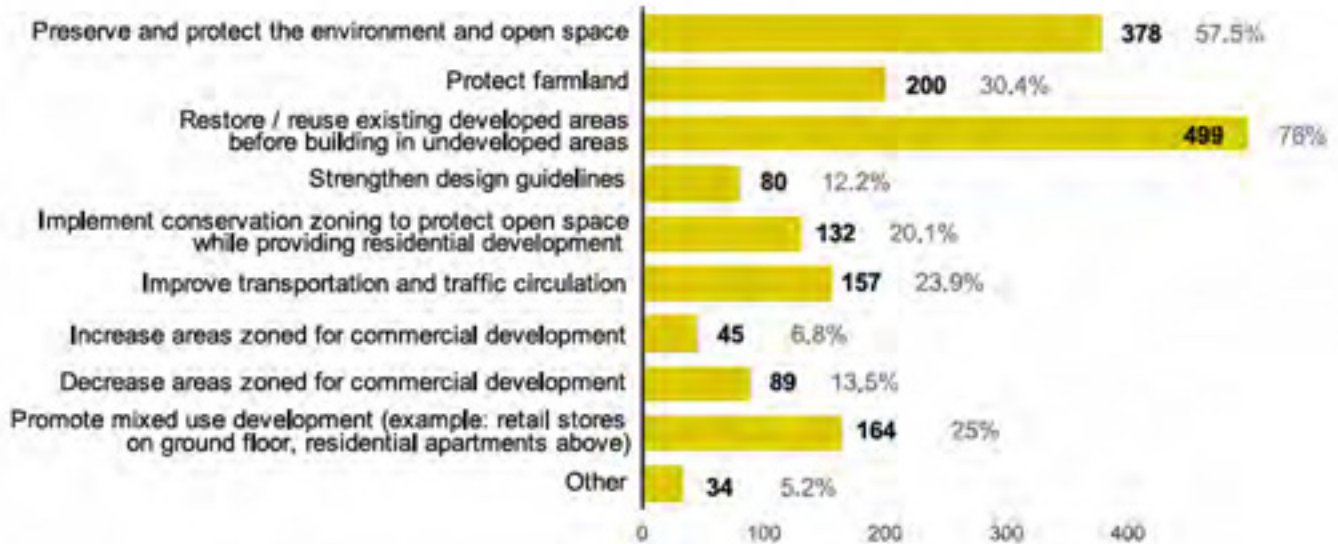
Losing the small town, rural feel. Feels like we are turning into Warwick or Cranston.

Looking around at areas like Wilson Park make me sad. Some of the equipment just needs a coat of paint! The town beach needs a face lift too. It should be a beautiful area but looks worn down and it doesn't look well kept. These are supposed to be some of the most beautiful spots too!

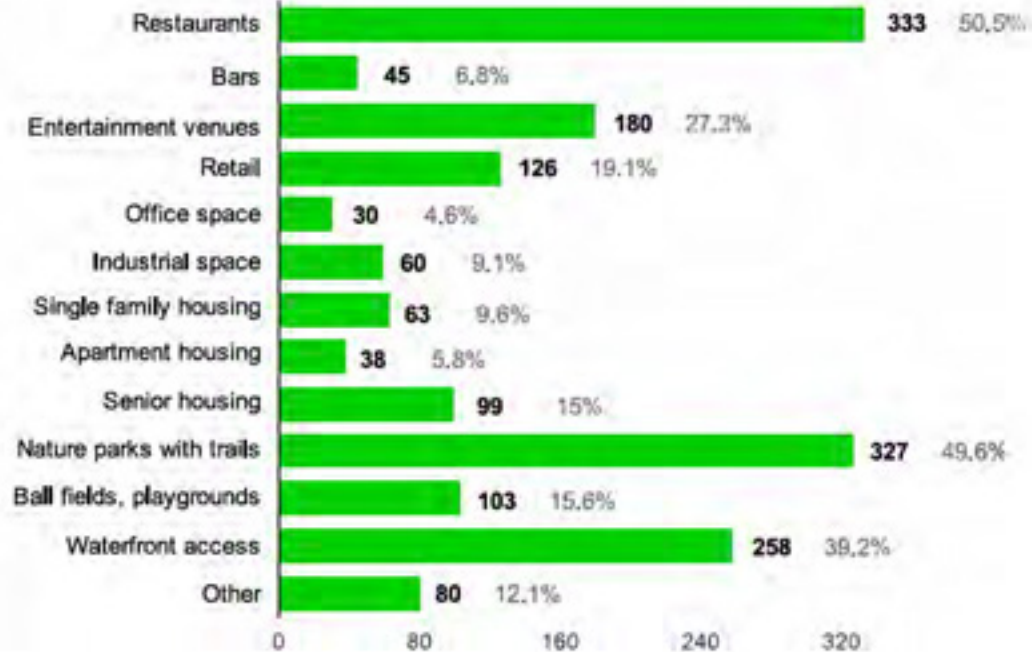
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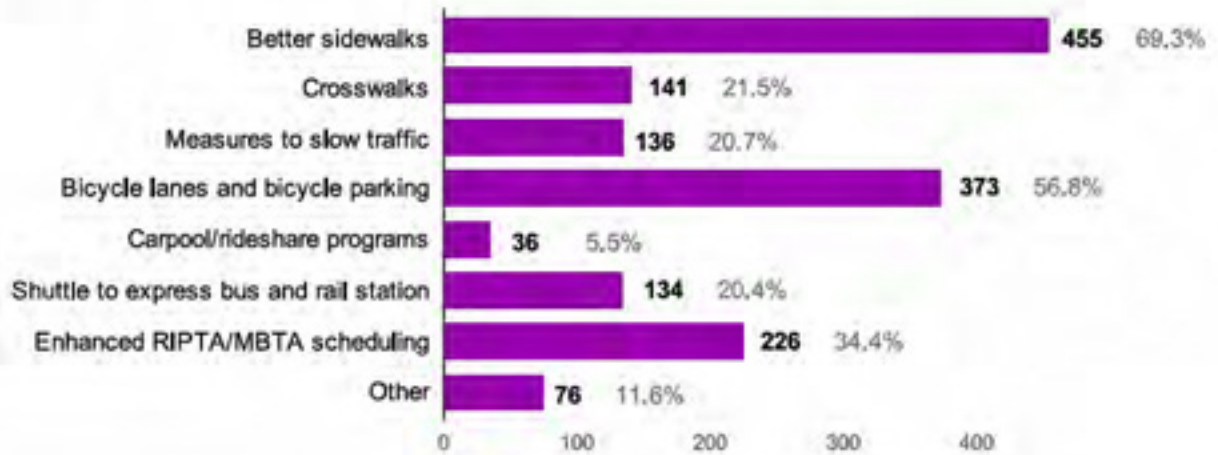
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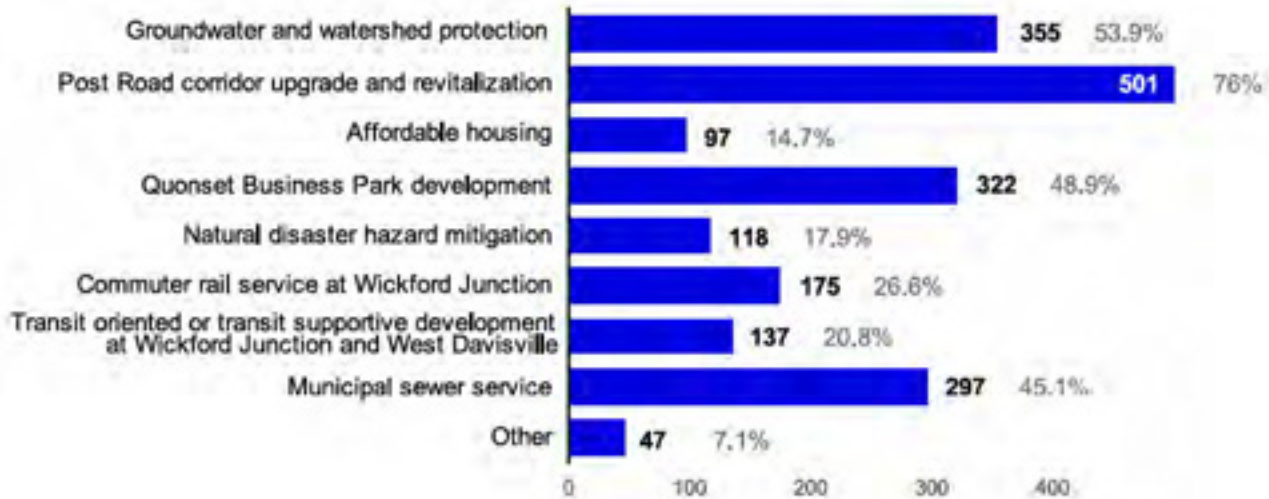
**What kind of development would you most like to see more of in North Kingstown?**



**What improvements would you most like to see to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use in North Kingstown?**



**The 2008 Comprehensive Plan identified the following as key areas. Which of these do you think are still priorities?**



**What additional key issue(s) do you think the updated Comprehensive Plan should address?**

open government easily to understand information available to citizens positive collaboration between different departments implement a community policing outreach program

Get businesses to come and stay in NK get their tax money, now Stop driving them away!

Utilize existing business - commercial districts

All

We need bars and food places like warwick and EG and Gansett ... this town is basically a ghost town and 90% of the time we go out of town to eat

It would be interesting to see more effort be made into turning Wickford into a real artist community. There is a lot of potential in our tiny, historic downtown area. How can we encourage more galleries and restaurants to move into the many empty storefronts? Our priorities should be on the continued redevelopment of Quonset and Post Road, but I think our efforts in those two areas will help stimulate Wickford as well.

Putting together a better survey! Someone in the town should read the questions as if they had just moved to NK.

The obsessive focus on preserving economically non-viable historical buildings is severely restricting the opportunities for development.

Wickford village revitalization. Many small shops have closed lately, with no replacements. NOTE: the question above does says "Check all that apply" but does not allow more than 3 choices. Either change the requirement or change to "Choose up to three" like all the others.

Protection of villages on the National Register (and no digital signage in them, particularly in Lafayette's mill area/Bailey's car dealership).

Keeping the state out of local community control

Increase in school budget requirements while student populations decrease.

Installation of more sidewalks

If we build more housing like Saw Mill Square we will not burden the schools or services.

Businesses will start to develop around these housing areas due to the fact single and professional couples spend more money on restaurants and retail. Bring in the professional hard working people not section 8 and watch post road explode in the right direction. This plan means tax money with very little tax burden. Just my 2 cents.

No more low income housing.

zoning needs to be changed to prohibit giant houses in older residential areas. 35 feet is too high,

building right out to the lot line offsets is bad.

Alternative energy options for municipal facilities and operations, leading by example for residents and businesses to follow. Preparing for increases in sea level and impacts from storms and other severe weather/natural hazards. Improved walkability between town amenities.

The tendency of officials to ignore the plan and come up with new development concepts to get around the existing plan (example: cvd concept)

All of the above are important, but it is vital that it be done with care and consideration of the future of the town. I think that NK is at their goal of affordable housing and should be making sure that residents in THIS town are given priority in any "affordable complex" within the town limits, far too many have had to leave their town and friends to enter into affordable housing., Better oversight all around.

Limit, reduce, stop section 8 ("affordable") housing. Remember, the school buildings belong to the TOWN. You need to treat them as assets like the library. Kids inhabit those buildings and you do as little as possible to keep the buildings safe for all. Don't move "historic" buildings unless you have a final resting place for them.

It should ensure that the commercial development is focused within the USB and encourage farms and residential areas to remain as such. It should do what it can to protect the water sources and protect the rural character.

Reinforce the fact that elected officials are serving at the pleasure of and on behalf of the taxpayers of North Kingstown. We want open, transparent government in which we have a voice. We want a balanced budget in which we see salaried officials willing to make the same kinds of sacrifices we are in our daily lives, via pay cuts if necessary. And always have them remember that "power corrupts." The taxpayers are not peons to be looked down upon. We have some very bright people in this town who resent the "our way or the highway" attitude of some of our elected officials.

Restrict commercial development to inside the urban boundary. NK is too busy outside of route 1. Fix Post Rd It's ugly! Not inviting. It's our main road after all. Put the parking behind stores Plant trees Level old / awful buildings Look at the State Police Building, THAT should be the look/feeling we go for.

Increase the upkeep of Town buildings. There are many Town owned buildings that are antiquated and in dire need of being modernized.

I just feel that Quonset is a perfect venue for bringing in businesses. Therefore, bringing in jobs. I'd like to see the town beach area cleaned up and better utilized, for public events perhaps. And the concession stand used, along with better parking and sidewalks. It's a hugely underutilized area and one of the beauties of this town.

#1 Protection of our water supply. Protection of open space.

Adaptive reuse of empty buildings in the commercial zones.

The commuter rail service is not going to make it without the expansion of the schedule, nights, weekends, middle of the day, and sporting events. Apartments over businesses is fine but lets not dwell on reinventing Pawtucket.

To keep the Town under the control of the Town, and not federal give such as more affordable housing. We already have more than other towns. Senior housing is fine.

Improving Post Rd businesses.

Rolling Green inside deal



Don't develop north/west of route 4 along route 2. Stop cluster developments with small lots. There is enough low income housing.

Concentrate business & retail on the Post Rd corridor and stop spreading it away and up Frenchtown and Rt 102. Keep those areas rural. Improve the appearance, accessibility, reuse, remove cumbersome and nonsensical requirements like 2nd floors on businesses. Get the state to improve the road, finish the sewers, open up QPD to more amenities besides industrial and business use to complement the businesses - ie, more restaurants, coffee shops, covered walkways and seating areas....

Listen to the people and find new ways to communicate and involve the public. Consolidation of services like fire and police with other towns. Protect current and long standing landowners (residential or business) from unwanted new developments or developers. Adhere to the plan and don't twist it or modify it for special interests.

sewers are also crucial to town development

We have a beautiful waterfront location: use it to bring more people here to live work and visit.

Character preservation at critical points in town, eg 102 and 4 intersection. Park development, eg behind state police barracks.

More development of Quonset. There is a beautiful view and beach there. Conference center, boutique hotel, similar to the one proposed for Wickford Elementary School. Definitely more rail service and development at Wickford Junction. Please! Look into developing Wickford EJ as condominiums. It is perfect for those of us who are older, and want to stay in town. I know they would all sell in a heartbeat. Please! Give us a place in town to live!

Emphasis on maintenance of infrastructure, e.g. roads, bridges, pipelines

Youth programs, funding and places to house a center.

I think the Comprehensive Plan should address land acquisition to protect what's left of North Kingstown's open space; having a plan any for new housing, and focusing any new commercial development where it already exists.

No one uses the Wickford Station, Parking is just too expensive and the trains do not run all the time. The ball fields need to be better taken care of - not build new one.

Eliminate all commercial development EXCEPT Post Road—that is the main route through North Kingstown and the impression most have of North Kingstown is Post Road, and it is in shocking decline. All resources should go to revitalizing and beautifying this stretch of road. Too much time and too many funds have been wasted elsewhere.

Again...complete town sewers from quonset to and including Rte 4.

Need to remove the current town manager and vet an innovative, intelligent, personable and successful town manager.

The area has rapidly declined since 2008 and with more people leaving the area stop focusing on the train for now. Why is WAKEFIELD and other areas showing growth while NK declines?

Please see my previous answers.

Restaurants in Wickford!

get commuter rail service on the WEEKENDS when people will use it to go to Boston. Right now, that train station is a waste of our money - really disappointing.

The Wickford Junction train station is underutilized as merely a commuter station. This train station should be open for all railway service.

#### Control of taxes and getting rid of car taxes

put school and town services at Wickford Elem. - the first try was not a real try, don't rent/lease space, own it.

Make NK a connected town via bike paths and lanes. Establish post road as a boulevard.

Sea level rise – plan for decades ahead. Eventually some developed areas will likely need to be abandoned. Where will those displaced activities go? who will pay?

Use of the existing Post Road spaces that need to be redeveloped and used. Priority for long time NK residents in any affordable housing, quit importing from other towns and states. Improve existing infrastructure of town service, streets, sidewalks, water supply Get the Town Council and Town personnel to quit ignoring grants and federal monies away due to lack of action and applications on their part. How much money did the town lose on Wickford EI bond that could not be used due to closing the school? How much is the sewer project going to cost taxpayers when the Town authorities did not pursue federal funding when it was available? Why has the old Town House project not been completed, it has nothing to do with the sale of Wickford EI, it sits on another lot! The Wickford Stone, money was approved in December, get the gazebo built in Updike Park and THEN explore the idea of re-doing the Library Park. Make sure that you aren't losing parking in the village. Does this stone even have to be in the "downtown village"? Look at what worked in the town when the Navy pulled out and revenues dropped. New isn't always better!

Absolutely change the Post Road Corridor Plan to make it more attractive to new business development.

Planning that will promote mixed use of development and housing in areas that can expand these features already in place. An open process that encourages inputs from all parties, for these small decisions have very long term, unreverseable consequences.

#### Taxes

Follow thru, implementation, and an action plan and time line. We really don't need to spend money to update the plan. There hasn't been much that has changed as far as needs and vision goes. We strongly need to add Economic Development staff to manage the implementation of the plan. Otherwise, it's just another expensive plan.

1. Need to improve ability of all residents to get around without the use of a car (walking, biking, public transit, shuttles, etc) 2. Need to anticipate and plan for the impact of climate change-related hazards (sea level rise, stronger storms, etc) 3. Need to construct a long term plan around school facilities, many of which are older and in need of update. Develop a long-term facilities plan that includes the possibility of consolidating schools.

continue to prevent more windmills in neighborhood areas like DePasquales, it is a huge eyesore and detracts from property values with no benefits to public, the wetland violations he did to install it counteract the environmentally friendly aspect of wind energy

Municipal service/procurement consolidation Wickford/town center commercial development

Supportive commercial services/residential redevelopment on Post Road corridor

reuse of existing buildings before new ones are built

The businesses in Town should pay Taxes just like everyone else does. I understand that a lot of them get a brake. And Seniors should get a better brake in taxes if they have live in Town 20 years or more. And make sure the money that is for schools for maintaining them is use where it is needed. There is a lot of waste.

Climate change - specifically sea level rise

farmland protection and farm viability, comprehensive consideration of business development that incorporates realistic assessment of market conditions

again, see previous answers. Smarter development.

Maintaining zoning so that businesses cannot be built west of Rt. 4 (Rolling Greens Golf Course area). Work to rebuild Post Rd, before adding new construction.

Commercial development in currently undeveloped area. Affordable housing for the young and the old Creating venues to attract more money spent in town. Eg movie theater or stage in Quonset.

Control commercial development!!!

More of the same central planning ideas/failures. How did Wickford Junction pan out? Sewers make sense, but not on the back of just the businesses—this can accelerate the abandonment of Post Road. Affordable housing? Target affordable housing for seniors being taxed out of their homes—much better for the community as these seniors actually pay taxes and have less need for school services/special ed/police and courts—thus allowing NK to keep taxes lower.

repurposing vacant commercial structures

Stop the development at the corner of Rt. 2 and Rt. 102

Better Sidewalks

Upgrade recreation areas; attract more businesses (why do businesses chose to go to EG instead of NK?)

Extend bike path south.

Looking at the effects of WIFI, cell towers and other telecommunications and making sure we are not trading convenience for health. The research seems to indicate we are—so let's at least look at this before adding more of this stuff. Do not Allow/ install SMART meters. They are likely dangerous both in terms of health effects and in terms of security, many people are sensitive to them.

historic preservation to maintain the character of the town

Opposed to Rolling Green Development !

weekend service from wickford junction

Commuter service at Wickford Junction would be great if they ran to NYC and on weekend.

Families and those wanting to visit NYC or Boston on the weekend could take advantage.

Ridiculous to only run during the week.

Finish the goals and objectives from 2008!!! More transparency to the public. Ensure properties within the town are kept clean and updated, both personal and commercial.

Need weekend service at Wickford Junction

With all the brain power working on this, it would seem that the architects of NK's comprehensive plan are capable of problem-solving the actual funding of community wants, needs, and union contracts...with something more original than the same old "raising of property taxes". Really. With a bit of ingenuity, and a lot of commitment to change, perhaps the 'new & improved' comprehensive plan could become, well, new & improved? Our forefathers did it, and so can we.

Make plans to include trash collection. Allow for free recycling for items that we currently have to pay for. Less micro management if single family homes (i.e. Proof if septic emptied, sprinkler systems etc.)

#### Empty Wickford storefronts

Better connectivity between the Wickford Junction Train, Wickford Village, and Quonset to provide transportation and education about the resources that are available. I would also like to see Post Road develop in a way that supports the growth of Quonset (support business-industrial/commercial, and restaurants) With 10,000 people coming to work in Quonset, there has got to be a way to get them in the community and financially supporting our town.

Overall, I'm very happy with the leadership in NK and the results of the plan. Because I am a working mom with young children, it is difficult for me to devote time to paying attention to the politics and improvement strategies of our town leaders. I have no further suggestions at this time but thank you for doing this survey and thank you to those who are making things happen in our wonderful town! From a happy tax payer: keep doing what you're doing!

Having been involved in previous CP processes, I believe it is important for planners to ultimately be responsible for making the changes that will best help ALL residents of North Kingstown, not just those who are vocal and/or able to attend meetings. If the planners see a need but there are no residents advocating for that need, it should still be considered a need and given a fair assessment. Thank you for seeking resident opinion with this questionnaire.

Commuter rail need to run more in NK if you want people to use it. It's tough when you can't get home because the wickford station closes. Also, the cost is too high and times terrible for families to use. Build it right and people will come. Do it half assed to save money and it is just a stupid waste that will end up shutting down because people won't use it.

Education.....we are not headed in a positive direction. No more affordable housing!!!!!!!!!!!!!, STOP tearing down our woodlands. We need to make it EASIER for businesses along the Post Road corridor to stay in business. Work on our infrastructure before it completely disintegrates. More entertainment. NO MORE pizza joints and banks.

I'm not sure I know enough about it to comment. Keeping businesses in Wickford would be one. Thank you for doing this survey, it's a GREAT idea!

#### Continue funding sewers

#### Improving the community center

The increasing cost burden of low/mod residents on education and public safety. If you build it, they will come. But it is not for NK residents. People move here from out of town and increase the burden on existing residents.

seniors get too much, bring in more family oriented business, like warwick has, skating, indoor bike, there are a lot more families here now as opposed to seniors so you should plan around keeping their business here, retail shopping, quahog festival, build parking on post rd and shuttle them to diff venues...stop with the affordable housing already, way too much

I would think the sewer would keep bay cleaner

All of the above issues identified as key areas are an excellent start. I believe that the bike lane/bike paths would be a great addition to the above list. I would like to see business development that would promote and attract talent. RI has wonderful colleges and universities. Collaboration with higher education, businesses and the Town to promote and bring in companies that will create higher level jobs will only enhance our community and state.

revision and curtail sprawl along post road; continue to develop villages

Revitalization of Wickford Village. Perhaps the sewer service would accomplish this....

less residential development

The town needs to invest in its future. Get more young families to set roots here. Improving playgrounds, schools, and making walking to town events an option will be a start.

West bay bike path

Sea level rise.

Limiting residential and commercial development.

Tourism...encompassing those on foot, car and boat. We have a huge boat population in summer and fall and nowhere in town for them to get provisions (for those without a car, this is a HUGE complaint)

Affordable housing for SENIORS. Efforts to make the Town Business Friendly!

more sidewalks. less low income housing.

Well meaning as it may be the development guidelines, especially along Post Rd. are far to restrictive. There is absolutely no new commercial growth on Post Rd. and it's not coming as long as those restrictions are in place. The Post Rd. corridor has nothing to offer at this point except vehicle trips per day. Low density, Low to moderate income, visually an eye sore, physical restrictions such as rail road and utility easements, wet lands and now development guidelines that are financially burdensome. Requiring mixed use then for the most part forcing the developer to buy development rights and include a high percentage of affordable housing units to attempt to make it financially viable when in fact it is just another financial burden.

Limit the spread of commercial areas. Leave the residential areas as purely residential. We have enough vacant commercial/retail space along Post Road, Frenchtown Rd., and in the village of Wickford. These areas should be considered before allowing any more building of big box or strip mall type development.

Make NK more business-friendly, including updating and reducing regulations, simplifying and expediting administrative processes, and reducing taxes. Increase supply of small, multifamily housing across a range of prices to rent and buy Diversify and improve quality of retail commerce

Cohesive planning and permitting

Our plan was recently evaluated by the Department of Health with an eye toward promoting health. Healthy places = vital places. I would like to see some of the comments in that report addressed. The Planning Department has that report.

effects of sea level rise

**PICK VERY FEW HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES AND DO THEM WELL, NOT MANY WHICH WILL NOT GET THE ATTENTION NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT.**

Aggressive program to attract businesses to occupy vacant stores and existing commercial properties. ( Everything old is new again.)Participate in the statewide drive to create a RI "brand" identity which would market the state to new businesses and tourism. Within this, create a unique identity which would define and promote North Kingstown.

enhance police presence/response in outlying areas.

Sanitary Sewers throughout Wickford Village and West Main Street.

Mixed use and increased density to encourage villages, Decreased lot sizes in some key areas to encourage village like development, utilize rental housing above shops. We need also to increase the lot sizes of areas of rural development such as to 10 to 25 acres or more, and group those lots together in to encourage rural areas. Provide better walking and bike paths within the villages and

leading out to the more rural areas. 2 acre zoning makes a lot of small lots with houses dotted in them eats up a lot of open space.

Develop affordable single family housing neighborhoods that encourage community and includes parks, waterfront access, biking and walking amenities. Preserve some open space land. Develop mixed use business and residential living. Encourage/promote environmentally friendly public transportation that all residents can access easily.

Acute need for condos.

If you want Wickford to be the economic engine for North Kingstown, then help us out! It was not the lack of sewers that stopped business development in Wickford, it the zoning, parking requirements. Unless the town and people who live in Wickford change those two things, sewers won't change anything, except hurt the business that is already there, struggling to survive.

I am so tired of hearing about affordable housing. I know some say we are "under" what is required. You mean to tell me that EG has the amount required by law? Don't mobile home parks count as low income housing? And what about the rooms in the motels that are now rented for low income? ENOUGH with the low income housing!

I think the village of Wickford should be addressed so as to maintain and support its unique character. I do not think overdevelopment is the answer for Wickford. We do not want to lose its charm!

Wickford Harbor waterfront upgrade. Access to Allen Harbor land adjacent to the Quonset bike path. Upgrades to golf course. Finish Post Road.

I would like to see a light at the corner of Brown St. and 102. Lots of people my age (older) are living here. I have been driving for over 60 years. Never have a seen a corner like that one and I forget to watch for zoomers coming out of Brown St. and I also forget to be a zoomer myself when I am coming out. It is such a unique situation!!! I hate it.

More support of commuter rail service, solar and wind energy

More business friendly environment and redevelopment of Rt. 1 with incentives for attractive, walkable shopping and entertainment venues.

Use and revitalization of buildings and property that is in disrepair - closed businesses and town properties like Wickford elementary

Pedestrian friendly development. Zoning that supports neighborhoods not developments that feed to rt 1.

West Bay bike path extension to attract young people to the village; ie. Make Wickford a "destination"

Quonset is the key to our town's health. We need to utilize it to the fullest. Post Road is our main road and is horrible. It needs to be improved.

Focus on QDP and surrounding for commercial Industrial development and let residential & rural be the target!

Consider the use of sewers in more areas, especially in commercial areas, to encourage restaurants, laundromats, and car washes to open.

The MBTA and RIPTA schedules are horrible. I would take RIPTA to work (I have free RIPTA from my employer) but it is inconvenient. I would take MBTA to either Providence or Boston but again the schedules are inconvenient especially on weekends. If I got employment in Boston I would have to move out of North Kingstown. Also, the cost is not low enough to warrant taking either

mode of transportation. I realize that most of this is completely out of your control, however perhaps you can lobby for these enhancements. I hear these concerns often from others who live in North Kingstown and surrounding towns.

Address the parking by non-residents along Wright Lane behind the town beach parking lot. It's effectively narrowing the roadway and ruining the grassy area along that stretch.

Let's just start with the above issues

Protection of open space and farmland.

Responsible commercial development in Wickford. How about a nice bar or coffee shop. But they need bathrooms, and that requires sewers. How about doing something about rundown houses in Wickford instead of hassling people who want to fix up their houses with archaic regulations.

Cleaning up Post Road would be nice too. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Capitalizing on our greatest public asset – the bay

Smith Castle is a valuable asset to our community. I would like to see more support for the facility and more use of it as a resource for tourist development.

Long term - if, as many scientists believe, there will be incremental rises in the sea level, we will have to address that issue. I have seen the tide already inundate the NE corner of the town parking lot - what will the future hold?!

ensure communication and collaboration between all interested parties

Recreational facilities: tennis courts, ball fields, turf field at the high school to increase available fields.

Safe walking/biking

How can we utilize the beautiful harbor in Wickford

Town is establishing too many "development nodes". Let's get downtown Wickford back to vibrancy before promoting the Post Road Corridor, Wickford Junction, Rt 2 - 102 area, etc.,etc..

Get rid of/demolish the dilapidated house on stilts rotting away near the playground by the library. It is an eyesore, and a hazard and soon, someone is going to get seriously hurt fooling around near it. Don't waste any money on restoring it. NK town history for the most part is trivial. Don't waste tax dollars preserving this useless relic. Investment in the town beach would be great, improve the playground, beautify the grounds with flowers and nice walkways. Plant more shade trees. Improve the parking if possible and try to block out the "non-relaxing" views of the waterfront industry in the distance. Maybe even move some of the rocks that say "keep off".

Strengthen zoning so residential areas are left for quiet enjoyment - no commercial permits in residential areas. Safe dedicated bike trails and foot trails (not just a lane marked off major roads).

Greenway and pedestrian walkways interconnecting the community The rail service at Wickford Junction is not complete in terms of access via RIPTA and weekend schedules that would make this mode of transportation attractive to a broader audience.

Expand nature preserves. Extend the Rt 1A bicycle route to Quonset. Concentrate commercial development. Some of the outlying development syphons business from Wickford, which, although struggling, supports a unique business community.

Does the town receive any compensation for hosting Quonset Point Port? If not, can it do so? Post Rd., north of state police barracks, requires beautification!

In my opinion and based on the people I know the only reason people that are at the age of starting families are moving to NK (and didn't grown up here) is because of the school system or because

they are in the boating industry. If the town hopes to have people use the commuter rail to get to jobs outside of the town... then apartment and condo style housing needs to be located very close to the train stations and a bike lane on Ten Rod Rd. to connect Wickford Junction to Wickford Village. I would assume the town is not looking for transient residents but people who buy houses and stay a while, but transient residents bring ideas, and may even have more money to spend on entertainment and specialty services. I have so many ideas of alternative housing developments beyond the typical culdesac with 400k homes. Many of the people who were caught coming out of higher education at the time of the recession ended up living with their parents and are still there in some way or another. I'd be happy to share my thoughts with the town. Also, everyone knows restaurants are crucial! But I know its a process to get the sewer issue solved. If people eat and drink they come into town early to run an errand or they stay in town late to walk by the water and make mental plans to come back. Everything is experience based even if it doesn't seem to be at first. If people come into town to do one thing and it was a good experience they will think about the place again when they are looking to do something else. Thank you for listening.

Upgrade athletic facilities; ball fields, basketball courts, soccer fields. Especially Signal Rock HUD should screen more thoroughly - People are renting there that should not be. Taking housing away from those who really need it.

Learn communication skills amongst the town residents and town council. The town council and school board need to work together.

Sewers in Wickford. Save the bay,  
bury cables

Walking/Biking Paths along National Grid rights-of-way to connect the town residential areas with each other and commercial areas. Imagine families on bikes riding from Stony Lane to Walmart (short), Shady Lea to Ryan Park (medium) or even "The Glen" to Rome Point/Chaffee Nature Preserve (long) without spending the whole time struggling to stay out of winding roads with now bike lanes or sidewalks.

Build up West Davisville. Get Lowes Back Revitalize all the empty commercial buildings on Post Road Keep growing Quonset. Get Pawsox into Quonset!!! LOI

What is more important than protecting our vulnerable aquifers?

You need a master plan for our schools. We are getting older and school population is shrinking. We don't need 5 elementary schools and probably don't need 2 middle schools. Fishing cove is wonderful, but it is PRIME residential real estate. We have old schools (except the HS) so it's either figure out a way to smartly build a new school that can pay for itself by closing others or we'll be paying a lot of rehab 75 year old buildings so please include school infrastructure as a MAJOR priority. Also, we need a new town hall so let's be smart and build a single Town hall and School Administration complex (I suppose if we need to revitalize Post Road, put it there) and let's start now thinking what to do with the old town hall and any schools (ie. Wickford MS, etc.) so we don't get stuck with another Wickford Elem white elephant..

Is it possible to work with the state of RI, DOT the constant Boston like traffic jams on Rt 4 going north in afternoon especially in summer. I, often need to get from Newport to Providence for business meetings at 3 or 4 and find it faster to go up east main to Fall River that try to access 95...the back-ups have become epic and incredibly frustrating, and occur at 3 lights in NK (albeit on state road). I worked in Boston for 8 years and took commuter rail out of Attleborough, then Warwick in in final year Wickford...love the alternative, transportation, and if I worked in Providence



would take the train as much as possible. The schedule is terrible for just trying to get to the City for one meeting mid day...

Affordable housing - let's not become Barrington that fights any and all affordable housing developments. Let's be a town that supports and cares about housing that everyone can afford - seniors, new graduates, young couples just starting, formerly homeless, low wage workers, etc. Water availability.

Amtrak must run on the weekends to Boston. Have a summer shuttle into Wickford. Review outdated signage restrictions etc to help businesses succeed. Roads need to be improved - especially on West Main Street in Wickford. Post Rd and Huling are terrible now - all torn up, poorly put back together but hopefully repaved after work is done (paved AGAIN! I should add...) Quonset and Davisville are such a resource - could have big outdoor concerts or fairs there and still not intrude on current businesses. Mixing business and entertainment isn't so bad, plus accessible by water too (think Newport Jazz Festival and such).

I hope the comprehensive plan will help to make NK a unified community. Meeting the needs of growing families and the over 55 population. The community center needs a serious make over. Its location is amazing and sits right next to the brand new senior center. The town rec department could offer so much more if they had a new and updated facility. I love NK, especially Wickford. We need to invest in what we have and make it better.

Eliminate any emphasis on commuter rail service. That train in Wickford is colossal waste of money and the losses should be cut. The ROI on that rail service is embarrassing.

Reduce the affordable housing

Sawmill pond.

cleaning up saw mill pond

We have enough low income apartments Ban smoking in public areas would be wonderful, some cities are doing so. I am pleased that Kings Grant has not allowed people to smoke in the apartments, however, it is an ugly site to go by each morning and see the street lined up with people smoking. It would be better if there was a courtyard in the back for them.

to promote revitalization of post rd town should offer low interest rate loans and other programs to help the owners upgrade their businesses and property.

The train at Wickford junction should run on weekends

We believe the plan should include more stores and restaurants. It would also be nice to see some family friendly venues. Post Road should be a priority. It needs to be built up and more welcoming. There is NOTHING in this town. We need to go to every other town to shop, eat and entertain ourselves.

How much residential and commercial development can be permitted without major infrastructure changes (wider/faster roads, extra lanes, more stop lights) and without obliterating what residents actually move to NK for, which are a slower and less stressful pace of life, a healthy life style with places to walk and appreciate the natural beauty of the area, less traffic congestion, and village atmosphere with historical charm.

Let's not let the developers ultimately decide what NK looks and feels like!

Please maintain new development growth but cannot be done at the expense of leaving unused developed land to sit idle. moving retail business to new areas, leaving old areas languishing is not improving our town. This may mean saying no to current land owners who want to build something

new, but the town needs to change it's approach in getting idle areas active again, work hard with current business/property owners on this and the town will be greatly enhanced. Lack of a quality approach to improvement is what will drive myself and others out of town.

Inclusion of arts and culture infrastructure, especially strong libraries as outlined in the book, *Bibliotech*, by John Palfrey. Expand Wickford Art Festival from two day marketplace for 200 artists run by Wickford Art Assn to a one or two week long event run by town and Wickford Art Assn. (Keep two day marketplace but add more related festivities in July each year.) Significantly upgrade Wickford to make it a better destination by formulating and implementing a plan and program that includes a strong landscape architecture component. So-called rune stone should not be showcased until a scientific panel reviews further and provides conclusions based on evidence. The comprehensive plan should rank priorities in each of the chapter areas mandated by state law. More accessible and friendly town hall. In town transit system.

Residential services, schools, technology direction / strategy.

They should put in side walks along Post rd. I see to many elderly people walking in the road and with the traffic on post rd it isn't safe. Years ago I remember see a plan about updating Post rd which never came to be. We have all these empty buildings in town. They should worrying about using them be fore building others and the old become an eye sore.

Quonset already exists- so all commercial and industrial development should take place there. Make this town pedestrian friendly by not just building sidewalks and cross-walks- but being mindful of the kind of development that fosters pedestrian traffic. I value living in a place with public spaces that elicit emotion-pride- Wickford villiage does that for me. The bay, the buildings. Will a new development off Rt. 1 do that to others? I don't know- but someone should. What separates this community from all of the rest?

I'd like to see them stop poo pooing every idea that comes through for Wickford. We're starving for activity down there in a cute town that should be hopping. For God sakes you can't even get an ice cream cone in town in the summer!

North Kingstown has several historic villages other than Wickford that could be fabulous (and more affordable) places to live if they were rejuvenated into small walkable communities. This could involve reviving the areas in these villages that were previously used for small businesses and small offices, and adding other "anchors" that make small villages great places to live, such as small day care facilities, walking trails, small parks, cafes and other community-related facilities. Young people are becoming increasingly interested in living in walkable communities, and rejuvenating the villages in NK with mixed-uses would be very attractive to young people, and also recognize and protect our historic villages.

Better hours and Weekend hours for commuter rail.

mixed use developments to promote sustainable usage

Reduce new retail development

Emergency preparedness (a reverse 911 system).

We need to improve the main roads such as Post Road so that it is safer to navigate for cars, pedestrians, and bikers.

Safety protocols taken in our schools. Cross guards for our children walking. Post Rd revitalization is key to encouraging business while maintaining a small town feel.

School funding More appropriate school start times Less taxes

Side road / neighborhood streets repair and maintenance.

Sidewalks!


Listen to the residents! Fix our historic municipal buildings! Actually follow an agreed/voted on town plan. Stay away from the big box stores!!!!

Always amazes me that we have 2 Junk Yards just yards away from a town aquifer. Makes me wonder how long it will be until that well is contaminated? On the note of water, why so much chlorine?

more public transportation available

Smart development based on vision for town- walkability, community, growth Leverage Quonset for industrial development before other lands. When I think about North Kingstown's future- I want to see the town grow while retaining what makes it special. This town has the gift of the harbor and bay and villiages on it that are special.

## 14. GAP ANALYSIS 2016

 <b>North Kingstown</b> Rhode Island		<b>Gap Analysis</b>		
Area/Process: Business Licensing and Reg.		Date: 27-Jul-16		
#	Gaps	SPA	Due	STATUS
1	Write Business Owner Emails	LD	300	
2	Develop 1 electronic emergency contact form for police and fire	GW	300	
3	Check with solicitor to confirm it is 'OK' to email license	JA	300	
4	Write Legislation to permit business registration with Solicitor	JA/LD	900	
5	Present ordinance change for moving holiday and junk renewal dates to June	JA	600	
6	Work with IT to verify email filters will not prevent messages from Viewpoint	GT	300	
7	Present ordinance change to mandate business registration including home for new a fee of \$25 for renewals a fee of \$5	JA/LD	900	
8	Present ordinance to enforce business registration with penalty	JA/LD	900	
9	Update website	IT/LD	600	
10	Create business license/registration workflow for Viewpoint	GT	TBD	
11	Train staff	GT	TBD	
12	Implement ability for town clerk to accept credit cards	JA	600	
13	Research/Implement minimal tax threshold for tangibles (increase from \$280 to \$1000)	JA	900	
14	Review requirements for town council as licensing authority	JA/LD	300	Complete
15	Add Kiosk to Town Clerk Office	JA/GT	600	

## 15. LEAN FINAL REPORT 2016



### ***RI Municipality Initiative – Streamlining Business Licensing North Kingstown, RI***

*July 2016*

The Town of North Kingstown contracted with Exceeda to streamline their business licensing and registration process with the new standardized business license application form to be implemented throughout the State as part of the E-Permitting project. Additionally, as part of this project we educated the staff involved in business licensing about Lean and Process Improvement. The project goal was to improve the customer experience for businesses in the Town by reducing redundancy, duplication of effort and unnecessary delays in processing, approving and expediting applications for business licensing, registrations and renewals.

During 4 working sessions we developed a 'current state' map of the process that identified how the business licensing process works today. We then developed a 'future state' map to remove wasteful steps and improve the process for both the customer and the employees of the town. A 'Gap Analysis' was also provided that identified the steps required to move from the current state to future state.



In the future state of the process, we successfully eliminated several unnecessary forms, redundant information requests, extra processing steps and eliminated the need for the business owner to visit multiple departments within the Town. Some highlights of the proposed new process:

- Improved Interdepartmental visibility to all Town departments throughout the process
- Developed a culture of 1-stop shopping for business owner - Business can complete the entire process online. They can also utilize a kiosk at the Town Clerk's office.
- Reduced the number of different license forms from 20 to 1
- Consolidated the police and fire emergency contact form to 1
- Reduced the Business owner's required Town department visits from 2 to 0
- Consolidate license and registration renewal dates so business owners get 1 renewal for all licenses instead of multiple renewals throughout the year
- Reduced paper and mailing costs by implementing an electronic/e-mail renewal process
- Implement a Business Registration process to improve the tangible tax base, safety, and economic development efforts of the town

In addition to implementing a simple, standard form for business licensing, we successfully designed a new process that will greatly improve the experience for any business coming to North Kingstown and aid in creating an environment that is centered on being business friendly. Additionally, town employees and existing businesses will benefit from a more stream-lined renewal process.

## 16. GLOSSARY

- ACCESS MANAGEMENT:** The process of providing and managing access to land development while preserving the regional flow of traffic in terms of safety, capacity, and speed. (Woodburn, Ore.) City regulations of access to streets, roads, and highways from public roads and private driveways. Regulations may include but are not limited to restrictions on the siting of interchanges, restrictions on the type, number, and location of access to roadways, and use of physical controls, such as signals, channelization, and raised medians. (Beaverton, Ore.) A set of policies and standards that manage the number and location of access points (driveways) on the public road system. (Wayne County, Ohio)
- ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN:** The plan to encourage and advance the development of access management policies, guidelines, and procedures.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Housing that has a sales price or rental amount that is within means of a household that is moderate income or less, as specified in RIGL 42-128-8.1(d)(1). Only that affordable housing which qualifies as “low or moderate income housing” is credited towards meeting the ten percent goal of the Low and Moderate Income Act. (NK Zoning)
- AGRITOURISM:** A type of tourism that brings people to agricultural-based operation, mostly farms and ranches. Vegetable picking, apple picking, and other seasonal picking events are some examples of agritourism.
- ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:** Commuting in any way other than driving alone. Examples include biking, walking, carpooling, and taking public transportation. (gogreeplus.org)
- ARTVENTURE:** ArtVenture is a four-week long activity by North Kingstown Art Council. Essentially, an outdoor scavenger hunt activity, ArtVenture will allow artists to create unique handmade art that will be submersed into the surrounding landscape, to be found by members of the community. (NK Art Council)
- BIODIVERSITY:** The variety of life and processes which includes the diversity of living organisms, the genetic differences among them, and the communities and ecosystems in which they occur. (United States Fish and Wildlife Service) Includes genetic diversity within species, a community, and a full range of biological communities. An area is considered biologically diverse when it includes rich and stable populations of native species that are naturally distributed across the landscape. (Monterey County, Calif.)
- BUILD OUT ANALYSIS:** Illustrates the form and pattern that development can be expected to take under a continuation of current trends and the manner and degree to which this form and pattern are contrary to planning goals. (State of New Jersey). A planning tool used to estimate the impact of cumulative growth upon a town’s land area once all developable land has been consumed and converted to the uses permitted under the current regulatory framework. (Center for Rural Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts)
- CARBON FOOTPRINT:** The amount of greenhouse gases and specifically carbon dioxide emitted by something (such as a person’s activities or a product’s manufacture and transport) during a given period. (Merriam-Webster)
- CIP (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM):** A proposed schedule of all future projects listed in order of construction priority together with cost estimates and the anticipated means of financing each project. (NK Zoning)
- CLIMATE ADAPTATION:** Efforts and strategies to acknowledge and prepare for climate change projections. Main issues that arise often are sea level rise, increase in temperature, and changes in ecosystem.

- CODE-PLUS TECHNIQUES:** Code-plus techniques help fortify housing in areas prone to natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and wind-and snow-storms. Some examples include wind-and fire-resistant roofing, hurricane straps, impact and pressure resistant doors and windows, secure foundation, landscaping to reduce flood vulnerability. Also defined in plan p.178.
- COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC HUB:** A center of activity or interest or commerce; A place of concentrated activity, influence, or importance.
- COMPLETE STREETS:** Complete Streets are designed to provide all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motors and transit riders of all ages and abilities with safe and convenient access and mobility. Complete Streets depend on context and may include: sidewalks, bike lanes, public transportation stops, safe crossing opportunities, medians, pedestrian signals, curb extensions, and narrower travel lanes. Also defined in plan p. 67.
- COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** A comprehensive integrated transportation plan looks at all modes of transportation available for citizens, and creates a plan that will ensure the various transportation options support each other. The plan also prioritizes the implementation actions to coincide with the town's TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) for state and federal funding. (Golden, Colorado)
- CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT:** A type of land development project which utilizes certain site planning techniques as set forth in the subdivision and land development regulations in order to conserve open land, protect site features and provide flexibility in the siting of structures, services and infrastructure. NK Zoning, also defined in plan p. 90.
- DEMAND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES:** Adoption of policies or strategies to manage and regulate the high demand of water. Water demand management techniques involve two main activities; the improvement in technical efficiency of water use and the efficient allocation of available water. (Dziegielewski, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Universities Council on Water Resources, 2003)
- DENSITY BONUSES:** The allocation of development rights that allow a parcel to accommodate additional square footage or additional residential units beyond the maximum for which the parcel is zoned, usually in exchange for the provision or preservation of an amenity at the same site or at another location (California Planning Roundtable). The granting of the allowance of additional density in a development in exchange for the provision by the developer of other desirable amenities from a public perspective (e.g., public open spaces, plazas, art, landscaping, etc.). (Peoria, Ill.) A minimum density increase of at least 25 percent over the maximum residential density. (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.) Dwelling units or non-residential square footage permitted in addition to the permitted density or intensity within a zoning district. (Concord, N.C.)
- DESTINATION BUSINESSES/RETAIL:** Retail businesses that generate a special purpose trip and that do not necessarily benefit from a high-volume pedestrian location. (California Planning Roundtable)

**DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS:** The right to develop land by a land owner who maintains fee simple ownership over the land or by a party other than the owner who has obtained the rights to develop. Such rights usually are expressed in terms of density allowed under existing zoning. For example, one development right may equal one unit of housing or may equal a specific number of square feet of gross floor area in one or more specified zone districts. (California Planning Roundtable) One of a series of rights inherent in fee simple ownership of land, similar to mineral rights. Development rights represent the potential for the improvement of a parcel or unit of land measured in dwelling units. (Island County, Wash.) The rights, along with others such as mineral rights and water rights, that are commonly associated with real property ownership. Development rights, subject to local, state, and federal regulations, provide the legal basis for property development. (Monterey County, Calif.) The potential for the improvement of a parcel of real property, measured in dwelling units for residential uses or equivalent dwelling units for nonresidential uses, exists because of the zoning classification of the parcel. (Concord, N.C.) A legal claim (authority) to convert a tract of land to a specific purpose by construction, installation, or alteration of a building or other structure, or the legal claim to excavation or filling for mining. (Temple Terrace, Fla.) The right to develop property. This right may be purchased or transferred. (Larimer County, Colo.)

**ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION/DEVELOPMENT FUND:** A fund to provide loans to businesses investing in projects that retain or create a significant number of private-sector jobs (<https://esd.ny.gov/metropolitan-economic-revitalization-fund-program>); finances projects and programs that create and/or retain jobs, improve the local and/or regional tax base, or otherwise enhance the quality of life in the community. EDF gives priority assistance for physical improvements in support of job creating/retention and downtown/commercial center revitalization. Historically, EDF has funded a range of economic and community development projects. (<http://www.mass.gov/hed/community/funding/economic-development-fund-edf.html>)

**EXTANT HISTORIC STRUCTURE:** Existing, still remaining, structure.

**FLOOD RESISTANT PROGRAMMING AND PUBLIC SPACE:** Strategies to prepare for potential flood in a public space. Some examples include building floating walkway and raised/modular/movable structure. Landscape buffer design can also be implemented to naturally absorb the flooding water in a public space.

**FOOD SYSTEM NEEDS ASSESSMENT:** An evaluation tool to measure the assets and needs in communities, municipalities and regions with regard to food security, productive capacity of the land, and economic development. Food System Needs Assessment can be used in creating a common understanding of the food system and a shared vision for developing a more sustainable food system. (Tufts)

**GIS:** A geographic information system (GIS) is a framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing data. Rooted in the science of geography, GIS integrates many types of data. It analyzes spatial location and organizes layers of information into visualizations using maps and 3D scenes. With this unique capability, GIS reveals deeper insights into data, such as patterns, relationships, and situations—helping users make smarter decisions.(ESRI)

**GREEN INDUSTRY:** economies striving for a more sustainable pathway of growth, by undertaking green public investments and implementing public policy initiatives that encourage environmentally responsible private investments. (<http://www.unido.org/greenindustry/green-industry-initiative.html>); green industries do have some defining attributes: sustainably produced inputs; minimal use of virgin raw materials; production processes that minimize the use of water, energy, and materials; production processes free from harmful toxins; reuse and recycling of solid waste streams; substantial reductions in emissions or effluents of harmful greenhouse gases and pollutants; and products that are built for longevity and durability (<http://www.wri.org/blog/2011/08/encouraging-green-industry-innovation>)



**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:** Green Infrastructure protects water quality and watersheds by using or mimicking natural processes such as infiltration, evaporation and transpiration to manage stormwater locally. It is a cost-effective and resilient technique that has the added benefits of beautification and potential recreational opportunities. Examples of green infrastructure span different scales and include practices such as stormwater parks, bioretention facilities, roadway bioswales, green roofs, and permeable pavement. Also defined in the plan p.125.

**GREYWATER:** Wastewater obtained from domestic sinks and tubs, but excluding that part of the plumbing waste stream that includes human wastes. (Volusia County, Fla.)

**GROWTH AREAS:** Areas intended to accommodate the State’s anticipated growth needs through 2025. They include both (currently) developed areas that are suited for maintenance, infill, and reuse, as well as (currently) undeveloped areas that are suited for new development. Growth Areas fall into two categories: 1) areas within the urban services boundary, shown as two map categories – Urban Development and Sewered Urban Development; and 2) centers, both inside and outside the urban services boundary. (LU2025)

**HOME ENERGY AUDIT:** A home energy audit, also known as a home energy assessment, is the first step to assess how much energy your home consumes and to evaluate what measures you can take to make your home more energy efficient. An assessment will show you problems that may, when corrected, save you significant amounts of money over time. (Department of Energy)

**HOUSING TRUST FUND:** A housing trust fund provides locally targeted assistance to develop affordable housing through low-interest loans, transfer of development rights, payments in lieu of taxes, or gap financing. Revenue sources may include local real estate transfer taxes, real-estate fees and penalties. Also defined in plan, p. 88.

**INCLINING BLOCK WATER RATE:** Sometimes referred to as inverted or increasing block, the inclining block rate structure is designed such that the cost per unit of water increases with consumption. The objective of such a rate structure is to discourage unnecessary water use by reducing both average and peak water demand, thus making it an important tool in a broader conservation plan. A properly designed inclining block structure will not necessarily increase all customer bills. For those users whose usage pattern is reflective of average water use for the associated user class and who do not have a large peaking factor, the cost of water should remain the same or decrease (in the absence of increased overall revenue requirements). By increasing the charge per unit of water over a certain threshold, those users whose average usage pattern is higher than the average for its user class and/or who help to create the peaking effect will incur higher charges as a signal to indicate the cost of expanding the system to account for the users’ level of water use. The objective of an inclining block rate design is to generate revenue that reflects the cost of increasing the supply and collect such revenue from those that create the need to consider expanding supply. Ideally, this concept would result in a reduced monthly bill for users such as “lifeline” users, who require service at a minimal level. (AE2S Nexus)

**INCLUSIONARY ZONING:** A municipal and/or county planning tool to require a private market projects to subsidize affordable housing units.

**INUNDATION:** An overflow of water, flooding.

**LEAN STUDY:** A study to improve the customer experience for businesses by reducing redundancy, duplication of effort and unnecessary delays in processing, approving and expediting applications for business licensing, registrations and renewals.

**LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT:** An approach to development that aims to protect water quality and watersheds by using or mimicking natural processes to manage stormwater locally. LID techniques include preserving or recreating natural landscape features and reducing impervious surfaces. Residential LID practices include rain gardens, green roofs, rain barrels, and permeable pavement. Also defined in plan, p.90.

**LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING:** Affordable housing (as defined above) which is subsidized by a federal, state or municipal government subsidy to assist its construction or affordability, has that affordability assured for at least 30 years through a land lease and/or deed restriction, and complies with certain other requirements as specified in RIGL 45-53-3(5). All low and moderate income housing units are “affordable housing” as herein defined, but only those low and moderate income housing units which meet the further requirements of article XXII of this chapter are credited towards satisfying the obligations of a development under this chapter to provide for inclusionary units. (NK Zoning)

**MIXED USE:** The inclusion of more than one general type of land use within a single structure or site development as they are grouped in the land use table under article III. For the purposes of this ordinance, all mixed use projects shall include a residential component that is fully integrated into the site or structure in a way that enables residents to easily access non-residential amenities. (NK Zoning)

**MIXED USE CORRIDOR/MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT:** The development of a tract of land or building or structure with two or more different uses such as but not limited to residential, office, retail, public, or entertainment, in a compact urban form. - OR - A project which integrates a variety of land uses including residential, office, commercial, service, and employment and can result in measurable reductions in traffic impacts. (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.) A proposed development that includes primary non-residential and primary residential uses on the same development site. (Concord, N.C.) A tract of land or building or structure developed for two or more different uses such as, but not limited to, residential, office, manufacturing, retail, public, or entertainment. (Schaumburg, Ill.)

**MS4 PERMIT:** The 2003 MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) General Permit requires MS4s to identify all structural BMPs (Best Management Practices), and develop schedules for inspections, cleaning and repair of structural BMPs, detention/retention basins, storm sewers and catch basins with appropriate scheduling given intensity and type of use in the catchment area. The MS4 must at a minimum incorporate all permit requirements and maintenance specifications of the particular BMP. Maintenance schedules must address issues related to the performance of BMPs observed during their inspection. The operator must make changes to the frequency of maintenance of structural BMPs when dry weather surveys of outfalls and inspections of the system and BMPs reveals that the maintenance frequency is not adequate. The operator must maintain records on inspections and maintenance performed on structural BMPs. (RIDEM)

**MULTIMODAL TRANSIT HUB/FACILITIES:** (Transport Hub) A place where passengers are exchanged between vehicles or between transport modes. Public transport hubs include train stations, rapid transit stations, bus stops, tram stop, airports and ferry slips. (Wikipedia); connect many different types of transportation; connect transit (regionofwaterloo.ca).

**NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION:** Sources for pollution that are less definable and usually cover broad areas of land, such as agricultural land with fertilizers that are carried from the land by runoff, or automobiles. (California Planning Roundtable) Generalized discharge of waste which cannot be located as to a specific source into a water body. (Concord, N.C.) Any source of water pollution that is not a point source. (Temple Terrace, Fla.)

**NUTRIENT LOADING STANDARDS:** An agreement to measure and regulate the quantity of nutrients entering in a given period of time. If added to water, nutrients, mainly nitrogen and phosphorus, can act like fertilizer that causes excessive growth of algae. Often, nutrient loading can be caused by lawn fertilizers in urban areas. (NOAA)

**POCKET PARK:** A park located on a small-sized land.

**RECEIVING AREA:** A zoning overlay district eligible to receive development rights through a major land development project review. (NK Zoning)

**RENEWABLE ENERGY:** Energy that comes from resources which are naturally replenished on a human timescale such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves and geothermal heat. (RI State Energy Plan)

**REPETITIVE LOSS PROPERTIES:** A Repetitive Loss (RL) property is any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000 were paid by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) within any rolling ten-year period, since 1978. A RL property may or may not be currently insured by the NFIP. Currently there are over 122,000 RL properties nationwide. (FEMA)

**RESILIENCY:** The power or ability to return to the original form (dictionary.com); the capacity for a socio-ecological system to: (1) absorb stresses and maintain function in the face of external stresses imposed upon it by climate change and (2) adapt, reorganize, and evolve into more desirable configurations that improve the sustainability of the system, leaving it better prepared for future climate change impacts. (Wikipedia)

**SENDING AREA:** A zoning overlay district eligible for establishing development rights that may eventually be transferred to a receiving area.

**SENSE OF PLACE:** The constructed and natural landmarks and social and economic surroundings that cause someone to identify with a particular place or community. (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) The characteristics of a location that make it readily recognizable as being unique and different from its surroundings and that provides a feeling of belonging to or being identified with that particular place. (Scottsdale, Ariz.)

**SILVICULTURE:** Silviculture is the art and science of controlling the establishment, growth, composition, health, and quality of forests and woodlands to meet the diverse needs and values of landowners and society such as wildlife habitat, timber, water resources, restoration, and recreation on a sustainable basis. This is accomplished by applying different types of silvicultural treatments such as thinning, harvesting, planting, pruning, prescribed burning and site preparation. Intermediate treatments (thinning) are designed to enhance growth, quality, vigor, and composition of the stand after establishment or regeneration and prior to final harvest. Regeneration treatments (harvesting) are applied to mature stands in order to establish a new age class of trees. Regeneration methods are grouped into four categories: coppice, even-aged, two-aged, and uneven-aged. (USDA)

**STORM SURGE:** Storm surge occurs when the low atmospheric pressures created by large storms pulls up a bubble of water above the height it would usually be expected. When the storm moves over the land this bubble is dragged along with it, forcing water to move from a starting point at sea level up into the topography of the surrounding landscape. How much water is forced onto the land is a function of the amount of low pressure the storm has created, which is in turn a measure of the strength of the storm. How far the water moves inland is an interaction between the amount of water being carried by the storm, the type of topography in a given area, and the height of sea level at the time. So, the storm surge from a very strong storm that arrives at low tide in an area with very steep topography might move less far inland than a weaker storm that arrived at high tide in a place with shallow topography. (Statewide Planning)

**STREAMLINED PERMITTING:** Allowing the process of permitting and licensing to be simple and clear for business owners and/or developers by a municipality.

**STREET SAFETY PLAN:** Strategies to enhance the safety of street users, especially pedestrians, through traffic enforcement, speed limits, and street designs. Street designs can include multiple efforts including and not limited to, narrow vehicle travel lanes to shorten the distance of a pedestrian crossing a street, adding bike lanes and bumpouts.

- SUSTAINABILITY:** Conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations.(USEPA); the quality of not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance (dictionary.com)
- SUSTAINABLE:** Community use of natural resources in a way that does not jeopardize the ability of future generations to live and prosper. (California Planning Roundtable) The finite capacity of any place to support human activities, given a set of impacts that those activities have on the place. Once capacity is reached, the impacts of additional growth or activities harm the integrity of the place and impair its ability to function as intended. (New Jersey State Plan)
- SUSTAINABLE PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT:** Development that maintains or enhances economic opportunity and community well-being while protecting and restoring the natural environment upon which people and economies depend. Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. (State of Minnesota)
- TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD:** A Total Maximum Daily Load is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody so that the waterbody will meet and continue to meet water quality standards for that particular pollutant. A Total Maximum Daily Load determines a pollutant reduction target and allocates load reductions necessary to the source(s) of the pollutant. (EPA)
- TOWN CHARACTER:** The image of the area as defined by such factors as its built environment, natural features and open space elements, type of housing, architectural style, infrastructure, and the type and quality of public facilities and services. (Brunswick, Ohio)
- TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS:** A legal covenant that protects the subject land in perpetuity from development beyond any development rights reserved subject to the underlying zone at the time the covenant is signed and grants enforcement of the covenant to the county. (Thurston County, Wash.) The area within which development rights transferred from a TDR sending area can be used. (Thurston County, Wash.) In a TDR program, the designated zones to which development rights may be transferred from property in a sending area. (Ocean City, Md.) An area designated by the ordinance as appropriate for development beyond the target density through the transfer of development rights. (Concord, N.C.)

**TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT:** Moderate and high-density housing concentrated in mixed-use developments located along transit routes. The location, design, and mix of uses in a TOD emphasize pedestrian-oriented environments and encourage the use of public transportation. (Community Green Line Planning Project, "Putting Neighborhoods on the Right Track," Chicago) A mixed-use community within an average 2,000-foot walking distance of a transit stop and core commercial area. TODs mix residential, retail, office, and public uses in a walkable environment, making it convenient for residents and employees to travel by transit, bicycle, foot, or car. (California Planning Roundtable) Moderate- or high-density housing concentrated in mixed-use developments that encourage the use of public transportation. (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) A development of high-density mixed land use that uses a transit facility as a focal point and thereby seeks to encourage the use of public transit. (Chicago, Ill.) A form of development that maximizes investment in transit infrastructure by concentrating the most intense types of development around transit stations and along transit lines; development in such areas is designed to make transit use as convenient as possible. (Palo Alto, Calif.) – OR- The area within a one-quarter-mile radius of either public streets identified by [maps and ordinances] as having the location, mix of densities, mix of uses, and development patterns that can generate sufficient bus ridership to support a frequent and consistent level of bus service (as typified by a 10- to 15-minute frequency of service); or (2) existing and proposed trolley stops and major bus transfer centers that have been approved for development by the transit development board with identified, available funding. (San Diego, Calif.) An area near a metro transit station, not located within a central business district, that has been designated as a transit station development area by an approved and adopted master plan or sector plan. (Montgomery County, Md.)

**URBAN SERVICES BOUNDARY:** A general bound of the areas within which public services supporting urban development presently exist, or are likely to be provided, through 2025. Within this urban services area, most land is served by public water service and many areas have (or will have) public sewer service available as well. Public transit service is generally available, with high-density corridors providing frequent headways. These fully serviced areas should be regarded as a scarce resource, that absent significant constraints, should be developed (or redeveloped) at higher intensities and densities so as to optimize the significant public infrastructure investment. (LU2025)

