

# CHAPTER 17:

# CONCLUSION



This Plan of Conservation and Development addresses challenges, issues and opportunities facing Ridgefield. After evaluating conditions and trends and soliciting input from residents and local officials, the Planning and Zoning Commission considered a range of strategies to address these issues and focused on those most appropriate for Ridgefield.

After Plan adoption, the Town may find that conditions change and strategies need to be revisited. For example, while the Planning and Zoning Commission developed this POCD, important transportation studies were underway and the outcome of those studies might have implications for the policies and recommendations in this POCD. In addition, updated demographic data from the US Census will become available within the next two years. Finally, this POCD was updated during an economic downturn. Long-term implications and impacts to Ridgefield are not fully grasped. A POCD is intended to be flexible so that it can be amended to account for new information, new policy direction or new issues that emerge.

The most important step is the next step – implementation. The Implementation Guide can help the community move forward. The POCD provides guidance to the Town for the next ten years. Over the next few years, some of the goals will hopefully be achieved, while others may take ten years or even longer. Each goal or strategy that is implemented helps to achieve residents' long range vision for Ridgefield.

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