

Conclusions

This report has documented the highlights of a two-year comprehensive planning program for the town of Newbury. The major accomplishments of the program have been:

1. The development of an overall guide for priority projects and programs.
2. A Land Plan.
3. New Subdivision Rules and Regulations.
4. A proposed new Zoning Bylaw.
5. A Management Plan for Plum Island
6. A significant increase in understanding of the planning process by Planning Board members and the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

The program's achievements have been considerable. However, the accomplishments of the Comprehensive Plan should be seen as only a beginning. The Plan points the way for future action by town boards and officials. The Plan will prove to be a useful document only if town leaders proceed aggressively with priority projects and programs.

An important aspect of a step-by-step implementation of the Plan will be interdepartmental communication and cooperation. Toward this end, we strongly recommend that Newbury establish an annual program for the discussion and organization of priority projects and actions. This program should be coordinated by the Board of Selectmen, and all departments, boards, commissions and committees should participate.

Good town planning and management will be essential as Newbury moves through the 1980's.