

Chapter 1 - Land Use

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Policy 1: Encourage mixed-use buildings, rehabilitation projects and conversions of existing development in the village centers.			Actor	Term
Strategies	1	Continue to encourage “smart growth principles.”	DRB, PZA	LT
	2	Provide information to village center landowners pertaining to the Village Center Designation Program administered by the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development.	PZA	LT
	3	Investigate the feasibility of implementing and/or extending public & private water and wastewater treatment systems in the village centers.	PC, JUDW	MT
	4	Review and update, where appropriate, the allowed uses in the Underhill Flats Village Center and Underhill Center Village zoning districts.	PC	ST
	5	Continually review, and update where appropriate, the zoning regulations to make them more “user-friendly.”	PC	LT
Policy 2: Regulate development outside the village centers to respect the Town’s rural character, scenic attributes, natural resources, and agricultural, forest and outdoor recreational economies.			Actor	Term
Strategies	1	Review the terms and conditions of the Town's land contracts.	SB	ST
	2	Examine whether the Town's land contracts are an effective way to achieve Town goals.	PC, SB	ST
	3	Research and develop zoning related approaches that protect the rural and scenic character and maintain open space.	CC, PC	LT
	4	Explore possible options for the clustering of development	PC	ST
	5	Review and update, where appropriate, the allowed uses in each zoning district outside of the Town’s village centers.	PC	ST
	6	Continually review, and update where appropriate, the zoning regulations to make them more “user-friendly.”	PC	LT
Policy 3: Provide clarity and precision of zoning district boundaries to prevent issues resulting from uncertainties with the current zoning map.			Actor	Term
Strategies	1	Re-examine the future land use map and amend where appropriate.	PC	ST
	2	Research the feasibility of adjusting zoning district boundaries to follow features, which include, but are not limited to, property boundary lines, roads or significant waterways.	PC	MT
	3	Apply for grants to assist in evaluating potential options that help resolve the existing zoning map issues.	PC	MT
	4	Seek public input on proposed amendments to the zoning map.	PC	ST

Chapter 2 - Natural Resources

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Policy 1: Collaborate with property owners to help preserve working forestlands, agricultural lands, and significant natural resources, including open space.			Actor	Term
Strategies	1	Conduct a natural resources inventory of the Town to identify significant interior forest blocks, significant farmland, and significant natural resources.	CC	MT
	2	Develop a natural resources map that incorporates the findings from the natural resources inventory.	PC, CC	MT
	3	Provide property owners with information about sustainable land management techniques, as well as sources for technical and financial assistance.	CC, PZA	LT
	4	Ensure proper access to forest and/or agricultural land.	DRB, CC	LT
	5	Consider adopting a "right-to-farm" provision within the Town's land use regulations.	PC	ST
	6	Provide guidelines where possible that are consistent with State law and ensure logging does not create environmental instabilities (e.g. increased flooding, erosion, sedimentation, etc.).	DRB, PZA	LT
	7	Amend the <i>Land Use & Development Regulations</i> to address inconsistencies pertaining to the maximum height requirements.	PC	ST
Policy 2: Collaborate with property owners to maintain and improve forest blocks and significant wildlife habitat and habitat connectors.				
Strategies	1	Evaluate State and regional recommendations pertaining to the locations of significant wildlife habitat.	CC	MT
	2	Identify areas of habitat connectors, which includes, but is not limited to: greenways, riparian lands, and forested strips.	CC	MT
	3	Seek landowner support in identifying and preserving significant wildlife habitat and habitat connectors.	CC, PC	MT
	4	Educate landowners about low impact development in significant wildlife habitat.	CC, PC	LT
	5	Purchase and/or acquire easements to protect and encourage contiguous significant wildlife habitat.	SB	LT
	6	Promote the utilization of shared driveways and shared curb cuts for development and subdivision projects.	SB, DRB, PZA, RF	LT
Policy 3: Protect significant ridgelines and steep slopes from improper development.				
Strategies	1	Continue to prohibit development above 1500 feet in elevation (fie).	DRB, PZA	LT
	2	Identify significant ridgelines by considering scenic value, significant wildlife habitat, water quality and accessibility.	CC	MT
	3	Classify steep slopes by considering degrees of steepness, soil types and accessibility.	CC, PC	MT
	4	Define the type and amount of proper development, if any, to be allowed on significant ridgelines and steep slopes after classification.	PC	ST
	5	Where appropriate, review and update the steep slope regulations.	PC	ST
	6	Develop design guidelines for landowners to consider in connection with construction on steep slopes.	PC	ST
Policy 4: Support the conservation of rare, threatened and endangered species.				
Strategies	1	Identify the location of rare, threatened and endangered species.	CC	MT
	2	Ensure continued compliance with Vermont law with respect to rare, threatened and endangered species.	CC	LT
	3	Educate residents about rare, threatened and endangered species through outreach programs held annually.	CC	LT
Policy 5: Prevent the spread of invasive species				
Strategies	1	Identify priority non-native invasive species (plant and animal) and prioritize areas for monitoring and management.	CC	ST
	2	Educate residents, visitors and Town personnel regarding the identification, threats, and control of invasive species.	CC	LT
	3	Cooperate with private, local, State, and federal groups to address the threat of invasive species.	SB, CC	LT
	4	Develop a Town policy regarding the encounter, remediation, control, management, and removal of invasive species.	CC, SB	ST
	5	Where feasible, control the spread of existing invasive species in coordination with Town-initiated work projects.	CC, RF	LT

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Policy 6: Ensure the protection of wetlands.			Actor	Term
Strategies	1	Maintain Class I designated wetlands in their natural condition; ensure that permitted alterations in Class II and Class III wetlands do not significantly diminish their functional and ecological integrity, or aesthetic values; and comment on applications submitted to the Vermont Wetlands Offices as necessary to ensure the above.	DRB, CC, ANR	LT
	2	Develop a Town natural resources map that accurately depicts, to the best extent possible, wetlands in Underhill.	PC, CC	MT
Strategies	3	Identify priority wetlands for restoration, mitigation and maintenance.	CC	LT
	4	Educate landowners about the value, importance and necessity of wetlands and vernal pools.	CC	LT
	5	Offer landowners expertise and resources in connection with the management, restoration, maintenance, and creation of wetlands and vernal pools.	PZA, DRB, CC	LT
	6	Purchase or acquire easements to protect vulnerable wetlands.	SB	LT
	7	Seek technical and financial support from State and federal agencies to protect wetlands.	CC, PC, SB	LT
Policy 7: Identify locations of sand, gravel, and stone in Underhill that might be extracted for Town use.				
Strategies	1	Evaluate quantity, quality, and feasibility of extraction with landowner input.	SB, RF, CC	LT
	2	Review and update the Town's zoning regulations as they relate to the extraction of sand, gravel and stone to consider environmental impact.	PC	ST
Policy 8: Understand and minimize air pollution throughout Town.				
Strategies	1	Identify areas in Town, if any, where local sources may cause significant air pollution, and if so, how many days per year on average.	CC	MT
	2	Consider methods for reducing significant local sources of air pollution, if any are identified.	CC, EC	MT
	3	Consider proposing regulations with respect to outdoor wood burning stoves.	SB, PC	ST
	4	Educate Town residents about cleaner burning (wood) stoves and encourage the removal of old stoves through swap programs or programs related to other, similar heating appliances.	EC	LT
Policy 9: Plan for and mitigate flooding damage to public infrastructure, private property, and natural areas.				
Strategies	1	Identify flooding threats and develop a process to mitigate harmful effects.	PC, CC	MT
	2	Periodically update the Town's All Hazard's Mitigation Plan, which pertains to the inventory of existing structures within mapped floodplains.	SB, PC, CC	LT
	3	Keep current Flood Hazard Area Regulations and determine whether or not they need to be strengthened.	PC	LT
	4	Develop a River Corridor Management Plan to help regulate development in floodplains and lands adjacent to streams.	PC	ST
	5	In accordance with 20 V.S.A. § 45, consider adopting river corridor protections required by the Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF) to increase Underhill's State funded support to 17.5% of recover cost in disaster declarations.	PC	LT
	6	Require native plant riparian buffers and maintain setbacks for erosion control along rivers, streams, and ponds to allow natural channel modification.	PC, CC	LT
	7	Adhere to the Municipal Roads Program and permitting requirements and continue to study the contribution of Town roads, bridges, and culverts to stormwater runoff, their adequacy to mitigate runoff, and associated damage.	DRB, SB	LT
	8	Ensure that all new roads, road improvements, and driveways are properly constructed to minimize erosion and scouring; road improvements should follow the 2019 Town Road and Bridge Standards as adopted by the Selectboard.	PZA, RF, DRB, SB	LT
	9	Assure that all new construction employs effective erosion control measures as required in the associated permit and distributed guidelines.	PZA, RF, DRB, SB	LT
	10	Update Town regulations as techniques and technologies for stormwater control improve and ensure training for Town Employees.	PC	LT
	11	Review the All Hazard Mitigation Plans on a regular basis and follow-up on identified strategies for emergency preparedness and coordinated response planning efforts.	CCRPC, EMD, SB	LT
	12	Educate landowners about developmental impacts to brooks, streams, and rivers (e.g. illegal construction of bridges).	CC, ANR	LT

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Policy 10: Protect surface and ground water resources for water quality, flood resistance, and natural resource resiliency.

Strategies	1	Review the Land Use Regulations as they relate to surface water setbacks and amend if necessary.	PC	ST
	2	Ensure the Town Natural Resource map accurately depicts significant surface waters in Underhill.	CC, PC	MT
	3	Purchase or acquire easements to protect vulnerable surface waters.	SB	LT
	4	Seek technical and financial support from State and federal agencies to protect surface waters.	CC, PC	LT
	5	Explore how best to provide well-yield data to the Development Review Board.	PC, CC, PZA	ST
	6	Encourage water conservation through education.	CC	LT
	7	Develop and/or distribute guidelines as they relate to the conservation of water.	CC, PZA, DRB	ST
	8	Develop a database of wells and wastewater systems.	PZA	ST

Chapter 3 - Energy

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Policy 1: Promote energy efficiency and energy conservation practices.

Strategies	1	Improve the energy efficiency of Town building(s) by 9% by the end of this Plan (2028) .	SB, TA	LT
	2	Seek grant funding to support energy efficiency upgrades for Town-owned buildings.	EC, SB	LT
	3	Continue to educate residents and businesses about energy efficiency and conservation options that reduce their energy consumption, especially in the areas of thermal and household appliance energy expenditures, through outreach programs.	EC, CC	LT
	4	Improve access to energy information, especially with regards to low cost, energy-saving ideas, by providing that information on the Town's website.	EC, CC	ST
	5	Research the feasibility of implementing a home energy reduction challenge for residents and/or businesses.	PZA, EC, PC	LT
	6	Promote and support improvements to dashboard to reflect actual local data.	EC, CC	LT
	7	Investigate the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition.	EC, PC, PZA	ST

Policy 2: Promote and encourage the development of renewable, low-carbon energy sources in Underhill.

Strategies	1	Create and maintain a data tracking program that will enable the Town to monitor public and private energy production and energy consumption, and to help confirm if the Town is meeting the interim renewable energy production goal set forth in Table 3.17.	EC	MT
	2	Explore possible incentives for individuals who install renewable energy production facilities that contribute to aforementioned production goals.	EC	ST
	3	Consider amending the zoning regulations, where appropriate, to enable energy production siting or energy distribution for renewable sources, which should include small-scale wind generation, specifically a small distributed wind energy system consisting of a single turbine producing up to 100 kW.	PC	ST
	4	Adopt a visual screening ordinance for commercial ground-mounted solar generation facilities that exceed 15kW AC in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(B).	PC	ST
	5	Identify specific locations as preferred sites for the siting of renewable energy generation facilities.	EC, CC, PC	ST
	6	Encourage solar generation on preferred locations and/or previously impacted areas (e.g. gravel pits, etc.).	SB	MT
	7	Continue to identify locations for solar power, as well as identifying other renewable energy options, for Town buildings.	SB, CC, EC	LT
	8	Identify landowners interested in siting solar arrays on their property through outreach programs.	EC, CC	LT
	9	Provide landowners interested in installing solar power on open land with information on mitigating impacts to pollinators.	EC, CC	LT
	10	Identify opportunities to facilitate the group purchasing of renewable energy production equipment or installation services (i.e. "community installations") to lower individual costs and encourage development of renewable energy production sources.	EC	MT
	11	Ensure that ground-mounted solar larger than 15 kW AC and wind turbines are located outside of the Underhill Flats Village Center and Underhill Center Village zoning districts.	PZA, DRB, EC, CC	LT
	12	Locate small distributed wind energy systems (small-scale wind generation) consisting of a single turbine producing up to 100 kW in areas with wind power generation potential such as the prime and base wind potential areas shown on Map 3.1 & Map 3.2.	DRB, PZA, SB	LT
	13	Renewable energy generation facilities and associated infrastructure must be located to avoid field verified State & local known constraints, as well as minimize impact to State & local possible constraints (see Table 3.1).	DRB, PZA, SB	LT

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Policy 3: Promote practices that reduce the use of public and private fossil fuel-burning vehicles.			Actor	Term
Strategies	1	Reduce Town equipment fuel usage by 9%.	SB, RF	LT
	2	Explore opportunities that would allow Underhill to utilize local road material resources to reduce the miles driven to transport such materials (e.g. extracting gravel from a site in Town).	SB, EC, CC, RF	ST
	3	Ensure that Town vehicles adhere to all emission standards as established by the State and federal government.	SB, RF	LT
	4	Identify opportunities to replace fossil fuel-burning Town vehicles with vehicles powered by electricity or, in the case of heavy-duty vehicles, by bio-diesel.	SB, EC, RF	LT
	5	Continue to support regional bus services as a means to reduce transportation GHG emissions.	SB	LT
	6	Identify funding opportunities to support the purchase of Town electric or biodiesel vehicles.	TA	LT
	7	Collaborate with adjacent towns to improve transportation options for movement between town population centers, including through Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA).	TTTC, SB	LT
	8	Identify and upgrade local roadways to include bike lanes, especially between Underhill Center and Underhill Flats.	SB, TA, RF	LT
Policy 4: Encourage use of all electric (100%) and hybrid vehicles.				
Strategies	1	Identify and implement locations, as well as funding opportunities, for electric vehicle charging stations to encourage the use of electric or hybrid vehicles.	EC, SB	ST
	2	Provide information about the costs and benefits of electric vehicles to residents (e.g., public presentations/forums, Front Porch Forum, Mountain Gazette, Town Website, etc.).	EC, CC	LT
	3	Review the Town's zoning regulations and modify as appropriate to support the inclusion of EV charging capacity within the development review process.	PC	ST
Policy 5: Reduce GHG emissions.				
Strategies	1	Work with the Regional Planning Commission to understand the status and trends of GHG emissions and reductions.	PZA, PC, EC, CC	MT
	2	Continue to educate residents about GHG and targeted reductions through outreach programs.	EC, CC	LT
	3	Educate residents about the emissions associated with brush pile and yard waste burning, and encourage the composting of that matter, as well as other organic matter.	CC, SB	ST
	4	Educate residents and businesses about the ability to reduce fossil fuel use for heating by partnering with utilities and energy vendors to promote technologies such as advanced wood heating systems, cold climate heat pumps, and geothermal systems.	EC, CC	LT
Policy 6: Encourage forest land conservation and management to increase natural carbon uptake and storage (carbon sinks).				
Strategies	1	Increase outreach to landowners on the role of forests in reducing GHG and carbon storage.	EC, CC, PC	ST
	2	Review and revise (as appropriate) open space contracts to promote the conservation of valuable forests for GHG reduction and carbon storage.	SB, EC, CC, PC	MT

Chapter 4 - Transportation

Actor Term

Policy 1: Adhere to, and revise, where appropriate, the Town's Road, Driveway & Trail Ordinance with respect

Strategies	1	Review and consider VTrans Road and Bridges standards and adopt, where appropriate, Standards for Town with respect to roadway construction and maintenance.	SB, RF	ST
	2	Enforce and update the Town Road, Driveway & Trail Ordinance regulating private road and driveway construction, while taking into consideration new construction techniques and technologies.	RF, SB, DRB, PZA	MT

Policy 2: Ensure that public and private roadway (including private driveways) construction and maintenance

Strategies	1	Identify new or continued roadway and driveway safety issues and seek to implement feasible remedial measures.	RF, PZA	ST
	2	Maintain public roadways and rights-of-ways free of litter and debris.	RF, CC	LT
	3	Revise the Town's Road, Driveway & Trail Ordinance where necessary to ensure safe access by emergency vehicle and residents.	PZA, RF, SB, DRB, UJFD, PC	ST
	4	Strongly encourage the Town's road crew to attend workshops regarding roadside maintenance and invasive species.	RF, SB	LT
	5	Develop guidelines for roadside aesthetics and invasive species.	CC, PC	ST

Policy 3: Provide financial, logistical, and regulatory support for expanded public transportation and active

Strategies	1	Continue annual financial support within the means of the Town for Green Mountain Transit (GMT) service to and through Underhill.	SB	LT
	2	Continue to support and promote services provided by the Special Services Transportation Agency (SSTA) and the United Way's Neighbor Rides program.	SB	LT
	3	Conduct outreach and promote use of GMT & SSTA services.	TTTC	LT
	4	Inquire with Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA) about educational opportunities for residents pertaining to transportation options.	PZA, TTTC	ST
	5	Participate in regional and local transportation initiatives and collaborations such as the Tri-Town Transportation Committee.	SB	LT
	6	Comply with VT Act 34 (the Complete Streets Law), except in the case of unpaved highways, to ensure the needs of all users are considered when planning, constructing, and maintaining transportation infrastructure.	SB, RF, TA, HIEC	LT
	7	Actively encourage the implementation of the planned River Road bike/walk lane with local and regional planning bodies.	SB, TA, HIEC, CC, RC	MT
	8	Ensure through Town regulations that public highway projects that include guardrails allow sufficient room for pedestrians between the travelled portion of the highway and the placement of the guardrail.	SB, PC, RF	ST
	9	Review and consider revising regulations in a manner that will better facilitate public transportation and park and ride lots.	PC, SB	MT
	10	Encourage use of a common ride share application (e.g. cell phone application) as a focal point for Town ride sharing.	PC, EC	LT
	11	Conduct pedestrian and bicyclist safety awareness workshops.	RC	LT
	12	Explore the feasibility of constructing a sidewalk in Underhill Center.	SB, RC, CC, RF	ST

Chapter 5 - Infrastructure

Actor Term

Policy 1: Improve and maintain the Town’s infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner.

Strategies	1	Create an annual Capital Improvement Program that supports the maintenance of the Town’s infrastructure.	HIEC, PC, PZA, RF, SB	LT
	2	Perform periodic energy audits and follow recommendations made in such audits where economically feasible.	EC, SB	LT
	3	Explore new technology and maintenance techniques that could reduce infrastructure expenditures (e.g. rehabilitating existing gravel roads).	SB, HIEC, RF	LT
	4	Explore using possible local sources of sand and gravel with considerations regarding cost, effectiveness and environmental issues.	HIEC, EC, CC, PC, RF, SB	LT
	5	Continue to pursue grants for infrastructure improvements.	TA, RF, SB	LT
	6	Perform cost/benefit analyses of equipment on a periodic basis to determine if an equipment upgrade would result in material savings over the usable life of the asset.	FO, SB, RF	LT

Policy 2: Maintain Town infrastructure in a manner that protects the health, safety and public welfare of users.

Strategies	1	Provide education opportunities to landowners relating to the requirements of the Road Ordinance, as well as appropriate maintenance measures.	PZA, UJFD	LT
	2	Continue to recommend “shared maintenance agreements” for all new subdivisions to ensure private roads and driveways are properly maintained so as to not negatively impact Town roads.	DRB	LT
	3	Pursue mitigation measures with the State that will minimize the impacts to Mountain Road and Stevensville Road due to increased visitation to Underhill State Park and Mt. Mansfield trails.	RF, SB, ANR, PC	ST
	4	See the following chapters for related strategies: Recreation, Natural Resources, Land Use and Transportation.		

Policy 3: Enable regulations that allow for greater housing density and increased water and septic sewage

For Strategies, See Land Use Chapter.

Chapter 6 - Services

			Actor	Term
Policy 1: All areas in Underhill should have access to reliable cellular telephone service.				
Strategies	1	Identify the areas in Town that do not have access to cellular telephone service.	PC, HIEC	ST
	2	Provide links on the Town's website to cell service providers so that residents can check on whether a provider serves their area.	TA, PZA	ST
	3	Facilitate meetings with interested parties to explore the expansion of cell phone service.	TA, PC, SB	ST
Policy 2: High-speed internet access should be available to all residents in Underhill.				
Strategies	1	Identify areas that do not have access to internet service.	PC, HIEC	ST
	2	Provide links on the Town's website to internet providers so that residents can check on whether a provider serves their area.	TA, PZA	ST
	3	Facilitate meetings with interested parties to explore the expansion of internet service.	TA, PC, SB	ST
Policy 3: Ensure the Town is prepared during emergency events and/or situations, and improve response				
Strategies	1	Maintain the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) as directed by 20 V.S.A. § 6.	SB, EMD	LT
	2	Review and update LEMP annually.	SB, EMD	LT
	3	On an annual basis, between Town Meeting Day and May 1, readopt (as recommended by 20 V.S.A. § 6) the LEMP and report the adoption to CCRPC.	SB	LT
	4	Identify volunteers and resources that can be used during emergency related events and situations (e.g. doctors, heavy equipment, generators, etc.).	PC, EMD, UJFD	LT
	5	Periodically upgrade emergency services equipment and infrastructure.	SB, RF, HIEC	LT
	6	Explore the creation of a program that identifies residents that may need additional assistance during an emergency event (for example, residents on respirators or dialysis during a power outage event).	PC, UJFD, EMD	ST
	7	Collaborate with the Town's Energy Committee to implement emergency service strategies that are not 100% dependent on fossil fuels.	EC, SB	ST
Policy 4: Provide residents with fire protection, police, EMS, and emergency services.				
Strategies	1	Maintain funding to support emergency response and planning, including related facilities and infrastructure.	SB	LT
	2	Include funding through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as needed for emergency response services, planning, and infrastructure.	PC, SB	LT
	3	Annually review the adequacy of the Town's contracts for police and other emergency services, and create new contracts with other entities as needed (e.g. VT Army National Guard).	SB	LT
	4	Periodically review mutual assistance agreements with other towns and the County.	SB	LT
Policy 5: Inform the community of local emergency response services, resources, and opportunities to participate in emergency response operations.				
Strategies	1	Provide information to residents about local emergency services through the Town's website, annual report, and other outreach channels.	TA, PZA	ST
	2	Provide information about, and encourage volunteer participation in, emergency services.	UJFD, SB	LT
Policy 6: Support and encourage increased availability of child day care services.				
Strategies	1	Contact private organizations and State agencies (e.g. Department for Children and Families) to obtain information relating to child daycare services and how to encourage more daycare facilities through zoning regulations.	PC, PZA	ST
	2	Coordinate a public forum for Underhill Residents pertaining to child daycare services.	PC	ST
	3	Review and update (where appropriate) the Town's zoning regulations relating to child daycare facilities to help facilitate a more conducive review process.	PC	ST

Chapter 7 - Housing

Actor Term

Policy 1: Support the creation of affordable housing stock.

Strategies	1	Explore alternative strategies to individual wells and septic systems to serve Underhill Center and Underhill Flats that would support greater density, such as community wells and shared septic	PC, SB, TA, PZA	MT
	2	Research the feasibility of extending municipal water and sewer.	SB, TA	MT
	3	Review and consider providing greater density opportunities in areas designated as village centers, especially by encouraging duplexes and multi-family dwellings.	PC	ST
	4	Evaluate the minimum lot size in village growth centers and determine if it should be reduced to encourage increased density in the applicable areas.	PC	ST
	5	Encourage affordable housing by considering regulations that remove some of the restrictions on accessory dwellings.	PC	ST
	6	Review and consider results from the impending State-wide (and potential County-level) housing needs assessment study to guide Town housing policies.	PC	ST
	7	Produce a housing needs assessment that studies the housing needs of the community and devises strategies to meet these needs.	PC	ST
	8	Continue to apply for grants and other financial opportunities that consider and incorporate strategies provided by the Housing Needs Study.	PC, PZA, TA	MT
	9	Recommend to the Selectboard the creation of a Housing Board.	PC	ST

Policy 2: Support the creation of housing stock that allows for young individuals, young families and older

Strategies	1	Host a housing forum to solicit resident input about affordable housing needs in Underhill.	PC	ST
	2	Explore the feasibility of creating a Neighborhood Area Designation for Underhill's village centers: Underhill Center and Underhill Flats.	PC	MT
	3	Encourage multi-generational and multi-income housing by supporting planned residential and planned unit developments, especially in the Town's village centers.	PC, DRB	LT
	4	Continue to evaluate where multi-unit structures are appropriate.	PC	LT
	5	Explore the feasibility of cottage housing.	PC	LT
	6	Work with Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission to implement appropriate housing-related strategies in the ECOS Plan in Underhill.	PC	ST

Chapter 8 - Economic Development

Actor Term

Policy 1 Promote and enable local economic activity.				
Strategies	1	Create a database of home businesses and other commercial establishments in Town to post on the Town's website.	PZA, PC	ST
	2	Identify infrastructure required to support economic activity in Underhill.	RF, TA, PZA	MT
	3	Conduct a focus group meeting to obtain a better understanding of the recreation-related interests in Town, as well as how to support them.	PC, RC	ST
	4	Explore the feasibility of creating a master plan pertaining to recreation tourism in the Town.	PC, RC	ST
	5	Consider land use regulations that provide opportunities for appropriate recreational, tourism, and hospitality development.	PC	MT
	6	Review land use regulations and consider amending them to provide opportunities for appropriate commercial development in village centers, and, if appropriate, in other areas of Underhill.	PC	ST
	7	Explore strategies to alleviate administrative obstacles, where appropriate, for new commercial development.	PC	ST
	8	Renew the Village Designations for both the Underhill Flats/Riverside and Underhill Center Village Centers.	PZA, PC, SB	LT
	9	Through the State, promote financial incentives available to property owners within the designated Underhill Flats Village Center and Underhill Center Village Center.	PZA, PC, DRB	LT
	10	Communicate with the Town of Jericho on planning commercial opportunities in the Underhill Flats/Riverside area.	PC	LT
Policy 2: Encourage and promote lands managed for agriculture, forestry and other uses of natural resources				
Strategies	1	Hold public forums to determine what challenges exist for maintaining working lands and for maintaining and increasing local business opportunities.	PC	ST
	2	Hold educational workshops to discuss best management practices to protect the sustainability of working lands, and agricultural and forest opportunities.	PC, CC	LT
	3	Review zoning regulations to assess whether diversification of agricultural businesses is possible, not restricted by local regulations, and to ensure that access to working lands is protected during the subdivision review process.	PC	MT
	4	Continue to support local farmers markets and locally grown agricultural products and consider additional marketing strategies the Town could pursue.	SB, PC	LT
	5	Review, develop, and support additional strategies for long-term viability of agricultural and forest lands.	PC	LT
	6	Recommend to the Selectboard the creation of an Economic Development Board.	PC	ST
	7	Promote local business, services and resources through the potential Economic Development Board or the Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC) – the County's regional development corporation.	PC, SB	LT
	8	Research grant programs offered by county, region, or State and cooperate to promote economic development.	PZA, TA, PC	LT

Chapter 9 - Historic & Cultural Resources

		Actor	Term
Policy 1: Encourage the conservation and protection of Underhill's historic resources, such as: historic buildings			
Strategies	1	Identify historic buildings in the Town of Underhill.	UHS ST
	2	Create a volunteer program that would contribute to the preservation of historic buildings.	UHS, PC LT
	3	Revise the adaptive reuse regulations to encourage the renovation of historic buildings.	PC MT
	4	Identify funding sources to encourage the preservation of historic buildings.	UHS, PC MT
Policy 2: Conserve and protect Underhill's cultural resources, including its rural character, scenic vistas,			
Strategies	1	Promote the voluntary identification and preservation of cultural resources.	PC, RC ST
	2	Identify important scenic resources.	PC ST
	3	Identify funding resources to maintain, protect, preserve and/or acquire scenic resources.	PC MT
	4	Identify funding resources to support cultural events like the Harvest Market.	TA LT
Policy 3: Promote awareness of Underhill's historic and cultural resources.			
Strategies	1	Devise a strategy to promulgate Underhill's history to residents.	UHS, PC MT
	2	For other strategies that are related to Historic and Cultural Resources see various strategies in the Recreation & Economic Development Chapters.	

Chapter 10 - Recreation

		Actor	Term
Policy 1: Encourage community involvement at organized events at Town Parks.			
Strategies	1	Host summer food truck nights in Moore Park with live music.	RC LT
	2	Organize sledding events at Casey's Hill.	RC LT
	3	Install lights for, and offer hot chocolate at, the ice skating rink in Moore Park during the winter months.	RC ST
	4	Develop additional event ideas to offer to Underhill residents.	RC LT
Policy 2: Provide well maintained recreational facilities/resource (e.g. the Town's recreation area, Moore Park,			
Strategies	1	Maintain the pond infrastructure, which includes the pond, picnic areas, tennis courts, and playground area.	RC, RF, SB LT
	2	Brush hog Casey's Hill as needed.	RF LT
	3	Maintain the ice skating rink at Moore Park during the winter months.	RC LT
	4	Develop safety tactics to improve the safety of recreational activities (e.g. pedestrian and bicycling) along the Town's roads.	RC, PC, RF, SB ST
Policy 3: Support efforts to maintain existing trails and build new trails.			
Strategies	1	Maintain, improve and/or construct active transportation trails in accordance with environmental missions.	RC, CC LT
	2	Partner with local mountain bike clubs to improve mountain bike access.	RC, SB ST
	3	Maintain and improve the existing trail network in the Crane Brook Conservation District.	RC, CC LT
	4	Have the Development Review Board and the Recreation Committee coordinate in regards to potential trail easements.	DRB, RC LT
	5	Collaborate with local conservation groups to conserve and manage open land.	CC LT
	6	Explore and support endeavors that would connect Underhill Flats with Underhill Center via trails and/or other multi-modal connectors.	PC, CC, RC, SB LT
Policy 4: Support the community's recreational interests through strategic planning.			
Strategies	1	Conduct surveys to gauge community interest in recreation activities and resources.	RC ST
	2	Identify capital projects to include in the Capital Improvement Program that would benefit the Town's recreational facilities/resources.	RC, PC LT
	3	Identify new low-cost recreational opportunities to provide to Underhill residents.	RC LT
	4	Periodically review existing and proposed recreation opportunities.	RC LT
	5	Create a short-term, medium-term and long-term plan that implements potential recreational opportunities.	RC LT