

Policies:	Strategies:	Implementation:
<p><b>PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES:</b></p> <p>Winthrop provides numerous public services to its residents. The town is responsible mainly for fire and emergency services, public works, and cooperates with the school district on education. The town has public water and sewer connections in certain locations that are adequate to accommodate expansion.</p> <p>The town is in a good position to accommodate the future population with adequate public facilities and services. Expansion of the water and sewer connection is physically possible. Emergency services are adequate and well suited to the community.</p> <p><b>Goal: To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.</b></p>		
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<p>1. To efficiently meet identified public facility and service needs.</p>	<p>1.1: Identify any capital improvements needed to maintain or upgrade public services to accommodate the community's anticipated growth and changing demographics.</p> <p>1.2: Locate new public facilities comprising at least 75% of new municipal growth-related capital investments in designated growth areas.</p> <p>1.3: Continue to work towards making all public buildings and properties ADA accessible.</p> <p>1.4 Explore opportunities to produce hydro and solar power at the Winthrop Commerce Center (the former mill).</p>	<p>Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors, Town committees</p> <p>Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors, Town committees</p> <p>Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner</p>
<p>2. To provide public facilities and services in a manner that promotes and supports growth and development in identified growth areas.</p>	<p>2.1: Encourage local sewer and water districts to coordinate planned service extensions with the Future Land Use Plan.</p> <p>2.2: If public water supply expansion is anticipated, identify and protect suitable sources.</p>	<p>Utilities District, Town Council, Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board</p> <p>Utilities District, Town Council, Town Manager,</p>

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	2.3: Explore options for regional delivery of local services.	Conservation Commission  Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors
3. Improve and encourage citizen participation in town government and community affairs.	<p>3.1: Explore ways to encourage residents to volunteer for local boards, committees, and activities.</p> <p>3.2: Annually recognize individual volunteers who have made significant contributions of their time.</p> <p>3.3: Resurrect the annual Town Report to keep residents informed about what is happening with town government.</p> <p>3.4: Consider options for implementing an e-newsletter to complement the town website and annual Town Report.</p> <p>3.5: Ensure the town website and e-newsletter include information such as offerings at the library, and historic, and cultural opportunities and events.</p> <p>3.6: Continue to promote the town's YouTube channel and social media pages.</p>	<p>Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors, Town committees</p> <p>Town Council, Town Manager, Department Directors, Town committees</p> <p>Town Manager, Executive Assistant, Department Directors, Town Committees, Town Council</p> <p>Town Manager, Executive Assistant, Department Directors</p> <p>Town Manager, Executive Assistant, Department Directors</p> <p>Town Manager, Executive Assistant, Town Council</p>
4. Continue to maintain taxes as low as possible.	4.1: Improve planning for capital expenditures through an annual Capital Improvements Program (CIP) based on the Capital Investment Plan.	Town Council, Town Manager, Finance Director, Department Directors

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	<p>4.2: Reduce potential future town expenses by encouraging new development in locations close to existing public facilities and services.</p> <p>4.3 Direct at least 75 percent of new, growth-related capital improvements into designated growth areas, as delineated by the Future Land Use plan.</p> <p>4.4: Explore options for the establishment of a Road Committee to set goals and determine a long-term plan for road improvements and construction needs using a system such as Road Surface Management System.</p> <p>4.5: Continue to plan for long-range solid waste disposal and recycling needs.</p> <p>4.6: Reduce potential future town expenses by encouraging new development in locations close to existing public facilities and services.</p> <p>4.7: Plan for open space acquisition and community park and recreation development.</p> <p>4.8: Reduce citizens' tax burden by continuing to stay within LD 1 spending limits.</p>	<p>Town Council, Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board</p> <p>Town Council, Town Manager. Ongoing.</p> <p>Town Manager, Public Works Director, Town Council</p> <p>Public Works Director, Town Manager, Town Council</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Planner, Planning Board, Town Council</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council, Town Planner, Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission</p> <p>Town Council, Town Manager, Finance Director, Department Directors</p>

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<p>5. Seek increased opportunities for regional cooperation with neighboring towns.</p>	<p>5.1: Follow-up on recommendations of regionalization studies.</p> <p>5.2: Establish a protocol to look at opportunities for equipment sharing, including purchases of new equipment.</p> <p>5.3: Engage neighboring towns in planning for disaster mitigation.</p> <p>5.4: Continue contacts and discussions with neighboring towns and regional entities on new ways to provide more efficient services.</p>	<p>Town Council, Town Manager</p> <p>Town Manager, Department Directors</p> <p>Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance chiefs, Town Manager</p> <p>Town Manager, Town Council</p>
<p>6. Work with state and county officials to increase enforcement of traffic laws, especially in residential neighborhoods.</p>	<p>6.1: Investigate the possibility of contracting for a sheriff's deputy for dedicated, part-time coverage from May through October.</p> <p>6.2: Explore the possibility of hiring another police officer or even two to increase traffic enforcement.</p>	<p>Police Chief, Town Manager</p> <p>Police Chief, Town Manager</p>
<p>7. To finance existing and future facilities and services in a cost-effective manner.</p>	<p>7.1: Construct a sand-salt storage building on a suitable site or investigate alternatives for regional cooperation.</p>	<p>Town Manager, Public Works Director, Finance Director</p>
<p>8. Continue to improve the town's management of solid waste, including increasing recycling, by pursuing recycling efforts.</p>	<p>8.1: Maximize availability of recycling options for businesses, town, and school offices and residents.</p> <p>8.2: Consider options for financing the replacement of the scale and a new hot top for the transfer station.</p>	<p>Public Works Director, Town Manager, Town Council</p> <p>Public Works Director, Town Manager, Town Council. Short term.</p>

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<p>9. Work with the Augusta Utility District and Winthrop Utility District for future plans.</p>	<p>9.1: Continue to work with AUD and WUD to develop a master plan for expansion of sewer service within existing growth areas and into new growth areas</p> <p>9.2: Work toward identifying and implementing a funding stream for financing of the top priority sewer and water extensions.</p>	<p>Public Works Director, AUD and WUD, Town Manager, Town Council</p> <p>AUD and WUD</p>