

Population

Goal I	Achieve a more demographically diverse population in terms of age, employment, and year-round residency, without significantly altering Brooklin's rural qualities.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Work towards increasing the population of younger working people and families.	<p>Adopt policies and practices that will increase opportunities for working people to rent and buy residences in Brooklin at affordable prices relative to income.</p> <p>Actively promote Brooklin as an excellent place for young parents to live, work, and educate children.</p> <p>Encourage child care and early child care education opportunities.</p> <p>Continue to support the availability and maintenance of modern broadband/fiber internet access for all Brooklin residents.</p>	Selectboard and its designees	Within one to two years and ongoing

Goal II	Help Brooklin's senior residents to maintain as good a quality of life as possible.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Assure that our older residents can remain in place when they are able/wish to do so while encouraging the availability of retirement communities and nursing homes for those who need them.	<p>Adopt policies and practices that assist our older residents, including the support of age-in-place programs.</p> <p>Work with other regional agencies that are working towards providing these services, including Healthy Peninsula,</p>	Selectboard and its designees; Task Force/exploratory group	Within one to two years

		Northern Lights Hospital, Ride and Errand services, Meals on Wheels, etc.		
	Earn Age-Friendly Community accreditation.	Review, revise and update to meet current standards.	Selectboard and its designee(s)	Within two to three years
	Review and recommend implementation of appropriate opportunities arising from Brooklin’s membership in Age-Friendly Coastal Communities, which has an action plan for the Blue Hill Peninsula.	Create a task force.	Task Force	Within one to two years

Goal III	Improve the “Whole-Town” inter-relationships of Brooklin’s major sub-populations (full-time residents, seasonal residents, and shorter-term visitor/tourist residents).			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Provide a larger number of community events.	Create a Community Organization Committee. Inventory what currently exists and determine what could be additional community events.	Community Organization Committee	Within two to three years
	Support already established Town organizations.	Survey organizations in Town and solicit feedback on how they can be better supported with providing community-oriented events like the Friends Public Memorial Library, 4th of July Committee, Brooklin Food Corps, Keeping Society, etc.	Selectboard and Community Organization Committee	Within two to three years

Economy

Goal	Strengthen and support the diverse multilayered economy of Brooklin. This includes existing sectors as well as being open to new or emerging sectors.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Improve Internet speed to support existing and new income opportunities.	The Town should continue to work to provide reliable internet service.	Selectboard	Ongoing
	Facilitate development of affordable housing, including rental and ownership options. (See also the Housing chapter.)	<p>Research and join in regional efforts. (Part of that research should include an inquiry re: why the Affordable Housing Committee formed as part of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan was dissolved.)</p> <p>Participate in regional programs, grants, and projects to ensure sufficient, affordable housing options for residents of all ages.</p>	Selectboard and Housing Committee	Over the next five years
	Support existing businesses that contribute to maintaining Brooklin's character and economy.	The Town should develop a method to actively reach out to existing or potential businesses to learn their thoughts and ideas about the future.	Selectboard	Within one to two years
	Consider and address concerns about Brooklin's ability to guide/control possible future proposals for large scale enterprises such as solar arrays, windmills, tourist attractions/hotels, heavy industry or chain stores.	The Selectboard or its designees should explore methods of managing proposed development.	Selectboard and designees	Within one to two years
	Continue to address the changing climate and its related effects on the Town's economy.	Take these changes into account while making or approving any proposals for development.	Selectboard and Planning Board	Ongoing

Housing

Goal	Recognize that Brooklin’s viability and income depend upon the availability of housing that is safe, energy efficient, and affordable for a multi-occupational and multi-generational community.		
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)
	Facilitate development of affordable housing, including rental and ownership options.	<p>Research and join in regional efforts.</p> <p>Participate in regional programs, grants, and projects to ensure sufficient, affordable housing options for residents of all ages.</p>	Selectboard and Housing Committee
	Create a Housing Committee to study affordability and sustainability and make recommendations.	<p>Task the committee with reexamining/revisiting the Town ordinance that includes a one-acre minimum lot and its restrictive qualities.</p> <p>Task the committee to investigate the needs of the Town’s elderly population and the possible need for assisted living, nursing homes, and home-based care.</p> <p>Task the committee to investigate the impacts (positive and negative) of short-term rentals on Brooklin’s economy and availability of year-round housing.</p>	Selectboard and Housing Committee
			Over the next five years
			Within six months and ongoing

Transportation

Goal	Ensure that a safe, convenient, well-maintained, and economically feasible transportation system with diverse options is available to all residents.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeline
	Improve pedestrian and bicycle access throughout Brooklin.	<p>Work with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) on Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety programming at local schools & youth groups.</p> <p>Work with BCM & Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) to plan and identify possible solutions and implementation strategies for this goal.</p> <p>Source appropriate funding and grants to support non-motorized transportation in Brooklin.</p> <p>Work with local land trusts, conservation groups, and property owners to identify potential locations for conservation easements, trail networks, and connectives through Brooklin and the region.</p>	Selectboard or their designee(s) to work with BCM, HCPC and MaineDOT.	Within six months to one year
Increase options for public transportation, transit, and mobility services to all Brooklin residents.	<p>Work with MaineDOT and HCPC to integrate the Town into the Region's expanding transit hub.</p> <p>Work with MaaS to support age-in-place goals.</p>	Selectboard or their designee(s) to work with Downeast Community Partners (DCP), HCPC and MaineDOT.	Within one to two years	

	<p>Address issues of poor sight lines, narrow roads and excessive speeds.</p>	<p>Work with (DCP), MaineDOT/Moving Maine Working Group to identify potential mobility options and providers.</p> <p>Prioritize problem areas, such as roads experiencing increased traffic due to new developments and attractions; work with HCPC and MaineDOT to devise strategies to slow traffic and create better signage.</p>	<p>Selectboard or their designee(s); Town Road Commissioner</p>	<p>Within six months to one year</p>
	<p>Prioritize Brooklin’s transportation needs against the current MaineDOT Work Plan and continue to assess Work Plan vs. Town needs.</p>	<p>Work with HCPC and MaineDOT to assess town road maintenance needs and priorities against upcoming planned projects by MaineDOT.</p>	<p>Selectboard or their designee(s) to work with HCPC, MaineDOT.</p>	<p>Immediate and on-going</p>
	<p>Plan for eventual increase in Electric Vehicle (EV) use by both residents and tourists.</p>	<p>Work with HCPC and Resilience Works to identify locations and funding opportunities for establishing EV charging infrastructure.</p>	<p>Brooklin’s Climate Response Committee or their designee(s) to work with HCPC.</p>	<p>Within six months to one year</p>

Public Facilities

Goal	Maintain adequate public facilities with appropriate access for all.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Address concerns about speed and pedestrian safety. (See also the Transportation chapter.)	Revisit once-rejected sidewalk plan and implement elements of the Maine Department of Transportation evaluation of traffic in the center of Town.	Selectboard	Within one to two years
	Address inadequate housing through the development of a regional housing authority. (See also the Housing chapter.)	Bring together towns, developers, and elected officials to address the critical housing needs.	Selectboard, Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer, and other elected officials.	Within one year
	Provide for the future maintenance and improvement of Town-owned public facilities and equipment.	Maintain current reserve accounts and establish reserve accounts as new capital and equipment purchases are accrued.	Selectboard	Ongoing
	Reduce carbon emissions from all Town facilities. (See also the Climate Change chapter.)	<p>Conduct an energy audit of the Town’s buildings and work toward installing necessary energy efficient or renewable systems plus the purchasing of renewable energy.</p> <p>Continually review opportunities to participate in grant and rebate programs, including those offered by Efficiency Maine and no-match Community Action Grants.</p>	Climate Response Committee and Selectboard.	Within one year

	Develop a plan to adequately manage Town landings. (See also the Marine Resources chapter.)	Create a five-person Marine Advisory Committee to recommend actions necessary to maintain, enhance, and/or develop the seven landings and their respective use. (One selectboard member, one fisherman/woman, one mooring owner, two at-large community members)	Selectboard	Appoint members within one year and have plan ready in two years.
	Develop a plan to adequately manage open access to all Town land.	Create a Parks and Recreation Committee. (See also the Recreation and Health Chapter.)	Selectboard	Within two years
	Maintain the quality of the school building and its programming.	Prepare for bringing the school building up to 2023 standards and beyond, including energy efficient upgrades. Strengthen and build connections with other Town entities that make the school's curriculum unique (boat building, gardening, the library).	School Committee, school administrators, and the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association	Ongoing
	Partner with the Brooklin Fire Department to assist, when possible, with their recruitment efforts to maintain a strong response.	Understand the Fire Department's recruitment efforts and explore ways the Selectboard may be helpful. Monitor legislation in Augusta that may impact the Department.	Selectboard and Fire Department	Within one year
	Ensure the efficacy of the updated Town Website as a resource.	Train and inform community members on how/where to find information and keep residents informed about Town programs and resources.	Selectboard	Within six months

Fiscal Capacity

Goal	To maintain fiscal responsibility through zero-based budgeting while seeking grants (and other awards) for major funding projects.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Annually develop a municipal budget without dramatic increases in property taxes.	Maintain zero-based budgeting while separating operational budget (tax-based) from capital budget (reserve-based).	Selectboard	Ongoing
	Adequately fund capital replacement and large purchases.	Maintain current reserves funds and develop new funds for anticipated purchases.	Selectboard	Ongoing
Develop a list of large capital-eligible projects for grants.	Work with area groups (e.g., Peninsula Tomorrow) to identify and receive funds for Hales Hill Road culvert replacement.	Selectboard	Immediate	

Recreation and Health

Goal	Assure that recreational opportunities in Brooklin and the region can accommodate the projected growth and needs of all age groups in our community.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Make providing recreational opportunities a priority.	Form a Parks and Recreation Committee	Selectboard	Within one year
	Encourage the permanent conservation of tracts of open space and walking trails commonly used for recreation.	Develop relationships with land trusts and similar conservation groups under which open spaces and access thereto can be acquired by purchase, easement, or otherwise. Re-examine the connecting trails throughout Brooklin that once helped to provide this function; examine other areas of the Town that could benefit from such trails.	Selectboard with Parks and Recreation Committee	Within one to two years
	Assure adequate access to open and natural spaces, including public waterfronts.	Monitor and, where needed, improve publically available open and natural spaces, including public waterfronts; assure the adequacy of public access.	Selectboard with Parks and Recreation Committee and Marine Advisory Committee	Ongoing
	Improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on roads within the Town.	Coordinate with responsible State, County, and Regional authorities to determine practical options for improving safety.	Selectboard	Within one to two years

Marine Resources

Goal: Maintain and improve saltwater access for commercial fishing and recreational uses.				
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Develop a plan to adequately improve and manage the Town's landings.	Create a five-person Marine Advisory Committee to recommend actions necessary to maintain, enhance and/or develop the seven landings (plus any future acquisitions) and their respective use. (One Selectboard member, one commercial fisherman, one mooring owner, one water dependent business owner, and one at-large community member are recommended.)	Selectboard	Appoint members within one year, have plan ready in two years.
	Reopen closed shellfish beds	Continue to work with Department of Marine Resources (DMR) water quality lab. Complete a rainfall study for the remaining closed forty acres in Herrick Bay.	Shellfish Committee, Selectboard, DMR	2023-2025
	Maintain and improve mooring access	Assess mooring access to recreational and commercial users	Marine Advisory committee with Selectboard	2023-2026
	Monitor aquaculture lease opportunity conflicts in Brooklin waters	Consider environmental and economic impacts of future aquaculture leases	Marine Advisory Committee with Selectboard	2023-2033

Water Resources

Goal	To continue to protect and enhance Brooklin’s water resources for the health of our residents and also to maintain the vitality of the Town’s marine and tourist activities.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Maintain and strengthen (where necessary) land use measures in critical water resource areas, including our extensive Coastal Wetland areas.	Examine current Shoreland Zoning, Land Use Ordinances, and enforcement techniques to determine the need for any additional protections (to help mitigate shellfish closure areas; to deal with increased development pressure on our shore lands; to prevent erosion during development projects, etc.)	Planning Board	One to two years
	Continue to make residents aware of and assist with disseminating information on elevated PFAS levels in the Brooklin School’s water supply.	Provide residential well testing information on the Town’s website as well as any updates on the evolving situation.	Selectboard	Immediate
	Develop strategies to manage point and non-point pollution	Ensure that Town regulations include adequate provisions to manage point and nonpoint pollution in conjunction with neighboring towns as warranted and strengthen regulations if determined necessary.	Planning Board in conjunction with the Code Enforcement Officer	One to two years
	Maintain or amend public wellhead protection mechanisms, as necessary.	Review current Land Use Ordinances to evaluate if they need to be updated, according to the results of recent water tests for the Town’s public wells.	Planning Board in conjunction with Code Enforcement Officer	One year

	Educate residents on well water monitoring and proper septic system maintenance.	Provide relevant links on the Town's website.	Selectboard in conjunction with Code Enforcement Officer	Six months to one year
	In conjunction with local land conservation and watershed associations, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District, help provide information to land owners for best practices related to water resource protection and conservation.	Form an Environmental Protection Committee (See Natural Resources Chapter).	Citizen initiative	One to two years
	Collaborate with surrounding towns and watershed agencies on improving impaired areas such as Saltmarsh Pond and other areas being impacted by elevated PFAS levels.	Form an Environmental Protection Committee (See Natural Resources Chapter).	Selectboard in conjunction with citizen initiative	One to two years

Natural Resources

Goal: To make the protection and maintenance of Brooklin’s natural resources a priority.				
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Develop an up-to-date identification list of Brooklin’s natural resources and an assessment of current and future threats to these resources.	Create a Brooklin Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) and task them with the preceding objectives.	Selectboard and citizen initiative	Within one year
	Actively engage and involve Brooklin residents in conserving our natural resources.	Regularly communicate the importance of maintaining and protecting Brooklin’s natural resources to landowners, other residents, and tourists; including managing invasive species. Regularly communicate the values of conservation easements and tax-incentive programs that would preserve and protect Brooklin’s natural resources.	Selectboard with EPC, Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC), and appropriate state agencies.	Ongoing and within one to two years
	Identify and review regulations and ordinances that affect Brooklin’s natural resources and recommend any needed modifications to help ensure protection of our natural resources.	Evaluate current Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, including expanding Resource Protection districts, for any necessary amendments (See also Future Land Use chapter for further discussion). Review current Site Plan Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance for any necessary amendments. Review current ordinance that includes a one acre	Selectboard and Planning Board	Within one to two years

		<p>minimum lot requirement (See also Housing and Current and Future Land Use chapters for more discussion).</p> <p>Make all Beginning with Habitat Maps accessible to Planning Board.</p>		
	Review and update the fish passage stream crossing data.	Explore grant funding opportunities for improving its culvert barriers.	Selectboard with HCPC	Within one to two years
	Work with the HCPC in developing a natural resource protection plan.	Collaborate with neighboring towns that focus on areas such as those depicted in the Co-Occurrence map, including Salt Marsh Pond, Great Meadow and the newly designated Blue Hill Falls Wildlife Sanctuary.	ECP, HCPC, and land trusts such as Blue Hill Heritage Trust (BHHT) and Maine Coast Heritage Trust. (MCHT)	Within one to two years
	Expand opportunities and access for residents and tourists to enjoy and appreciate Brooklin's natural resources.	Research grant and other State programs to help with trail improvement and new trail construction and educational programming.	EPC with BHHT, MCHT, Downeast Audubon	Within one to two years

Agriculture and Forestry

Goal	Encourage, preserve, and protect agriculture and forestry in Brooklin.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Identify and document prime farmland in Brooklin. Make that information readily available to the public.	<p>Create maps and possibly letters to prime farmland property owners that inform them of tax incentive programs available to them and other helpful information. Update Town website on information about Farmland, Open Space and Tree Growth programs.</p> <p>Review current ordinances to determine if consulting prime farmland maps should be included as part of the review process.</p>	Selectboard with Planning Board	One to two years
	Safeguard landowners' existing rights to commercially harvest agricultural and forestry products on their land. Offer assistance to landowners on understanding Maine State Forest Services and Soil and Water Conservation District best practices and guidelines.	<p>List Maine State Forestry Best Practices Guidelines on the Town's website.</p> <p>Review Town's ordinances to determine if the ordinances are unnecessarily restrictive to agriculture and forestry operations.</p>	Selectboard Planning Board	Immediate and on going
	As outlined in the Housing Chapter, create a Housing Committee.	Task the committee with reexamining /revisiting the Town Ordinance that includes a one acre minimum lot and how cluster housing could		

		help preserve the amount of farmable land in Brooklin.		
	Continue to support local farms and forestry operations.	<p>Improve parking and traffic management for the Brooklin Farmer’s Market.</p> <p>Maintain existing rights for residents in relation to roadside farm stands, log yards, firewood operations, and agritourism-based events.</p> <p>Continue to support the Brooklin Food Corps and the Brooklin Garden Club.</p>		
	Begin a Town-wide discussion on White-Tailed Deer population numbers.	Develop a survey for Brooklin residents.	Selectboard with Environmental Protection Committee (See Natural Resources Chapter)	One to two years

History and Archeology

Goal	Preserve historical records, sites, and artifacts within Brooklin.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Document and catalog the historical records, sites and artifacts in the community, including archaeological and anthropological finds and also places that may be eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.	Work with the local and County historic organizations and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to assess the need for, and if necessary, plan for a comprehensive community survey of the community's historic sites and artifacts.	Selectboard and Keeping Society	Within one to two years and ongoing
	Encourage the discovery, preservation and sharing of Brooklin's history.	Promote and continue to support the Brooklin Keeping Society's efforts to preserve and make accessible the records of Brooklin's past.	Selectboard	Within one to two years
	Continue to require that the Planning Board consider the value of protecting and preserving historic sites and artifacts when considering land use issues.	Continue to use the most up-to-date guidance for the preservation of Brooklin's historic sites and artifacts.	Planning Board	Ongoing

Climate Change

Goal I	Adopt appropriate climate change mitigation practices to reduce the Town’s carbon emissions.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Reduce carbon emissions from the Brooklin School.	<p>Continue to work with the architects hired for the Brooklin School’s renovations to consider installing solar panels, heat pumps, updated weatherization techniques, electric school buses, EV charging stations and other energy efficient strategies, including the purchasing of renewable energy.</p> <p>Continually review opportunities to participate in grant and rebate programs, including those offered by Efficiency Maine and no-match Community Action Grants.</p>	Climate Response Committee and the School Committee along with the Superintendent’s Office	Ongoing and within the next six months
	Reduce carbon emissions from all Town facilities.	<p>Conduct an energy audit of the Town’s buildings and work toward installing necessary energy efficient or renewable systems and the purchasing of renewable energy.</p> <p>Continually review opportunities to participate in grant and rebate programs, including those offered by Efficiency Maine and no-match Community Action Grants.</p>	Climate Response Committee and Selectboard	Within one year

<p>Educate and assist residents and business owners in reducing carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Consider enrolling in the Department of Energy’s PACE and SolSmart funding programs.</p> <p>Encourage and educate residents on purchasing energy from solar farms.</p> <p>Track the number of registered EV’s, homes and businesses with solar panels and heat pumps. Encourage more residents and businesses to adopt these strategies through consultation by the Community Resilience Partnership and educational materials accessible on the Town’s website, including rebate and grant programs.</p>	<p>Climate Response Committee and Selectboard</p>	<p>Within one to two years</p>
<p>Determine the local electrical grid’s capacity for electrification of Brooklin and surrounding communities.</p>	<p>Conduct an audit of the electrical grid servicing Brooklin to determine what upgrades will need to be performed to expand the electrification of the Town.</p> <p>Play an active role in voicing concerns to the Public Utilities Commission on updating the State’s electric grid to meet the growing demand for electrifying homes and business.</p>	<p>Climate Response Committee with the Selectboard</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>Determine if solar and wind energy development is compatible with Brooklin’s climate change mitigation strategies and Future Land Use plan.</p>	<p>Conduct a survey of Town residents and businesses.</p>	<p>Climate Response Committee</p>	<p>Within one year</p>

	Encourage reduced driving in and around Brooklin.	<p>Continue to improve broadband services so that telecommuting and access to telehealth and remote education are better available.</p> <p>Develop additional opportunities to bike and walk and for public transportation options as outlined in the Transportation and Recreation chapters.</p> <p>Explore options for cluster housing developments as outlined in the Housing Chapter.</p>	Selectboard and Planning Board	Ongoing and within one to two years
	Support local food growing and consumption.	Encourage the expansion of programs by the Brooklin Food Corps, the Brooklin Farmers Market and the tax incentive programs protecting working farms, forests and fisheries.	Brooklin Food Corps and the Brooklin Farmers Market in conjunction with the Selectboard	Ongoing
	Engage the youth, elderly and any other vulnerable populations in the Town's climate change mitigation strategies.	Increase and amplify the education and outreach opportunities for community members to become engaged in and to create hope around mitigating climate change.	Climate Response Committee, Brooklin School, Friend Memorial Public Library and Brooklin Food Corps	Ongoing

Goal II	Implement adaptation practices in order to counter climate change effects already occurring and those anticipated over the next decade.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Plan for the increased number and magnitude of storms that cause flooding events.	<p>Complete the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist.</p> <p>Regularly update flood maps and risk assessments, with provisions for extra mapping when new information becomes available that will substantially change high risk areas.</p> <p>Make a plan to support the Brooklin Volunteer Fire Department with rescue training and equipment.</p>	Selectboard with the Fire Department and Road Commissioner	Six months to one year
Protect our wetlands and shore lands from climate change impacts.	<p>Review land use ordinances for the efficacy of protecting these vital defense mechanisms going forward including setback requirements for buildings and septic tanks and erosion and runoff prevention.</p> <p>Require sea level rise projections and impacts in planning and permitting coastal development and to consistently confer with the most up-to-date models including those laid out in Maine’s Climate Council recommendations.</p> <p>Develop a plan to help landowners address increased shore land erosion due to increased storm surge (e.g., rip rap, armoring areas and dealing with toppling trees).</p>	Planning Board with Selectboard and Code Enforcement Officer	Within one year	

	<p>Bolster our community's health and resilience (including businesses) regarding climate change impacts.</p>	<p>Perform a community vulnerability assessment, including updating local and County hazard mitigation, evacuation and storm debris management plans.</p> <p>Establish a peer-to-peer program for monitoring vulnerable members during extreme heat and cold events.</p> <p>Work with regional partners to diversify the regional economy in order to be resilient in the face of climate change impacts.</p>	<p>Selectboard with Brooklin Fire Department, Hancock County Emergency Management, and Community Resilience Partnership</p>	<p>Within one to two years</p>
	<p>Protect public and private forested land from wildfires during drought periods.</p>	<p>Develop a plan with local land trusts, private woodlot owners and the Town for best management practices and education around preventing wildfires.</p>	<p>Selectboard, Blue Hill Heritage Trust and the Brooklin Fire Department.</p>	<p>Within one to two years</p>
	<p>Improve public infrastructure to cope with the effects of climate change.</p>	<p>Conduct a survey to identify critical community infrastructure that may be vulnerable, including buildings, roads, bridges, culverts and Town landings.</p> <p>Determine the amount of capital needed to make improvements going forward. In cooperation with regional partners including the Hancock County Planning Commission, explore climate resilience financing mechanisms including grants, catastrophe and resilience bonds, and tax-increment financing.</p> <p>Review and adopt (as appropriate) the Stream Smart Crossing Guidelines as standard practice for</p>	<p>Selectboard</p>	<p>Within one to two years</p>

		culvert and bridge improvements including those outlined in the Public Facilities chapter.		
	Protect our community's drinking water supply from climate change effects including prolonged drought and saltwater intrusion.	<p>Determine alternative water sources for extended low-flow seasons that may render wells dry.</p> <p>Consider collaborating with nearby towns to reduce competing water demands on our watershed's groundwater during periods of drought.</p> <p>Determine appropriate remedies for possible saltwater intrusion into drinking water wells as sea levels rise.</p>	Select and Planning Boards	Within one to two years

Current Land Use

Goal	Regularly review and, where needed, modify Brooklin’s land use requirements and practices to best assure that they meet the changing needs and reasonable expectations of residents, while also complying with evolving Federal, State and County mandates and options.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeline
	Ensure that there is a continued awareness of Brooklin’s land usage at all times.	Prioritize monitoring of significantly changed land uses as an integral part of the Town’s procedures.	Selectboard, Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer	Immediate
	Examine the advisability of creating a written Enforcement Policy that specifies the penalties or other consequences of land usage in Brooklin that is not in compliance with Town, County, State, and/or Federal requirements.	Regularly inspect land in the Town for significant usage changes.	Selectboard and Town Assessor	Ongoing/ Every two to four years
Provide an up-to-date, factual foundation for the Town to propose beneficial future land usages.	Ensure that the Town’s compliance with LD 2003 and other State laws and regulations maximizes benefits to the Town.	Selectboard	Within one year	
	Enable the Town to determine the benefits, if any, of designating residential, commercial, and/or industrial growth areas on land within the Town.		Within one to two years	

Future Land Use

Goal	Encourage development in Brooklin consistent with the anticipated challenges of the next decade and the need to preserve and protect as much as practicable the Town's rural character and way of life.			
	Objective	Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeframe
	Determine if the current Site Plan Ordinance is sufficient to meet the growing challenges of the next decade.	Review current methods used by the Planning Board, including but not limited to, updating and strengthening any existing ordinances. Encourage and facilitate Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board participation in relevant training by the State and other entities such as the Maine Municipal Authority.	Selectboard with Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer	Within one year
	Help to develop policies that balance the increased need for affordable housing and the demand for more seasonal homes.	Create a Housing Committee to make recommendations in this regard, as outlined in detail in the Housing Chapter.	Selectboard and their designees	Within one year
	Protect the rural character and historic land use patterns of Brooklin	Encourage coordination among conservation groups, conservation easement properties and farmland preservation groups on outreach and educational materials	Selectboard with Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Maine Farmland Trust and the Climate Response Committee	Within one to two years

	<p>Review current zoning and relevant ordinances, including Shoreland Zoning and the Subdivision Ordinance, to assure that they are sufficient to cope with anticipated growth and significant environmental and technical changes during the next decade.</p>	<p>Develop a system that monitors growth more frequently and encourages the channeling of that growth into the areas most suitable for it.</p> <p>Using up-to-date prediction models to determine the most appropriate changes, review the ramifications of increasing shoreland zoning protections in the following three ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Expanding the depth of the protective shoreland zone from the normal high-tide line, while “grandfathering” existing nonconforming uses; 2) Expanding the “setback” area within the shoreland zone from that tidal line, while “grandfathering” existing nonconforming uses; and 3) Expanding the required water frontage length for a developable shoreland property within that zone. 	<p>Selectboard with Planning Board</p>	<p>Within one year</p>
	<p>Foster engagement and dialogue to keep the public well informed and to help develop community consensus on future development and land use directions.</p>	<p>Organize community dialogue sessions to gather public input on development concerns or methods.</p>	<p>Selectboard or their designees</p>	<p>Within one to two years and ongoing</p>