

Analysis of 1995 Comprehensive Plan Action Steps for *Downtown Revitalization*

1995 Action Step	Priority in '95 (Priority in '03) <sup>1</sup>	Status <sup>2</sup>	Inventory and Policy Response for 2004 CP Update
<b>Priority 1 – Critical Projects</b>			
<b>1. UTILIZE VACANT BUILDINGS.</b> Develop strategy for utilizing vacant downtown buildings. First floors with various uses (not just retail), upper floors with residences, lofts for artists and craftspeople. Establish rental brokerage to seek tenants. As interim measure, fill empty windows with historic or artistic displays.	C (C)	PI/OG	Adopt recommendations of Revitalization Action Plan & EFP work plans; support Downtown Director and Main St. Maine designation; monitor response to façade program
<b>2. BUSINESS EXPANSION</b> Encourage and support expansion of existing businesses, encourage new business formation by City residents, and attempts to attract new businesses from out of the City. Support expansion of business development efforts by Chamber of Commerce to include more than tourist-related activities.	C (C)	PI/OG	Adopt recommendations of Revitalization Action Plan & EFP work plans; support Downtown Director and Main St. Maine designation; monitor response to façade program; multiple sectors still a priority
<b>7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b> Prepare, adopt, maintain, and follow a five-year capital improvement program, including replacement schedules for Public Works, Fire, and other major equipment.	C (C)	I	Research status of implementation; identify needs for next 5-10 years.
<b>12. ACCESS TO SEA</b> Take action to assure public access to shore is not lost.	C (C)	NI	Much has been lost; some steps being taken now; inventory losses; Identify additional needs
<b>Priority 2 - Important Projects</b>			
<b>18. SUMMER PEOPLE</b> Make special preparations for influx of “summer people” – especially on the fourth of July weekend.	I (I)	PI	Parking, public restrooms, traffic still issues
<b>20. STREET IMPROVEMENTS</b> Update and maintain street and road improvement program. Maintain, improve, and expand City street and road system in accordance with that program.	I (I)	PI	Scaled back since '95 due to budget; street light improvements made; sidewalks are critical; inventory sidewalk needs beyond the downtown
<b>31. HISTORIC RESOURCES</b> Undertake a comprehensive survey of Eastport’s historic resources; encourage voluntary participation in newly-revised Historic District.	I (I)	I	Document achievements ('98 walking tour, EFP, Historical Societies, Historic Review Board); identify continuing need
<b>32. VIEWS</b> Take steps to protect key scenic resources, special cultural and natural features and views across coves and to the islands.	I (I)	I	Document achievements (Old Sow, welcome sign, Carrying Place Cove); Gateway Grant Program; identify add'l steps
<b>Longer Range Projects</b>			
<b>38. WATERFRONT WALKWAY</b> Maintain walkway along waterfront – along with its lighting.	LR (C)	NI	Walkway exists, but not maintained; Include in Designated Historic District.
<b>45. WALKING TOURS</b> Encourage walking tours to historic sites.	LR (C)	I, OG	'98 walking tour

<sup>1</sup> **C CRITICAL ACTIONS.** Planning or implementation should begin now

**I IMPORTANT ACTION.** Action can wait one or two years

**LR LONGER RANGE ACTIONS.** Action can be deferred.

**NLP NO LONGER PRIORITY.** Action eliminated from plan

<sup>2</sup> **I** Implemented

**PI** Partially Implemented

**NI** Not Implemented

**OG** On-Going

Analysis of 1995 Comprehensive Plan Action Steps for *Economic Development*

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<b>Priority 1 – Critical Projects</b>			
<b>3. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT</b> Encourage industrial development by working to sell or lease suitable City-owned and private sites.	C (C)	PI; OG	Support Downtown Manager and City Manager in attracting businesses to city
<b>4. PORT DEVELOPMENT</b> Support broad range of development activities by the Port Authority including: modern new pier and related facilities at Estes Head (which would also remove heavy traffic from downtown), airport master plan implementation, ferry service to Lubec & Grand Manan.	C (C)	I; ferry svce NI	Restructure policy to identify change in conditions
<b>6. AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY</b> Support development and expansion of all aspects including diversification of species (not limited to fin fish but including seaweeds and rejuvenation of clamming.)	C (C)	PI	Restructure policy with change in conditions; inventory change in conditions
<b>9. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS</b> Support needed school improvements.	C (C)	PI?	Refine policy with consolidation efforts; inventory recent needs
<b>11. MARINE RESOURCES</b> Recognize diverse interests to whom marine resources are of critical importance including traditional fishermen, aquaculturists, shipping interests, recreational boaters, and those who just love the view. Work to resolve or avoid conflicts among these interests.	C (C)	OG	Need to examine current status; seek input from Cobscook Bay Resource Center and Project SHARE
<b>13. FACILITY MAINTENANCE</b> Appropriate funds necessary to adequately maintain City facilities, recognize that maintenance is far less expensive than replacement.	C (C)	PI	New city garage, new city bldg; adequate roads; re-work action step with current needs
<b>14. GRANTS</b> Continue to utilize State and Federal financial assistance programs for needed projects and programs to maximum extent possible.	C (C)	I	Identify add'l needs with CIP
<b>15. DRINKING WATER</b> Work with Passamaquoddy Water District to improve service and quality.	C (C)	OG	Some upgrades complete (inventory); aging infrastructure within City needs attention; regional coordination within Boynton Lake watershed; need input from Passamaquoddy Water District
<b>Priority 2 - Important Projects</b>			
<b>16. GUIDING GROWTH</b> Guide growth so the City can prosper and at the same time “stay Eastport”. Encourage growth in some areas, discourage it in others. Clearly designate areas to be devoted to business and industry – and areas from which these activities are to be excluded. Designate specific areas where various types of housing will be encouraged.	I (C)	NI	Examine data; where building permits issued; where growth has occurred; where lot by lot exemptions to the regulations have occurred; Move to critical due to lack of administrative follow through
<b>17. DATA AND INFORMATION</b> Obtain and maintain population data and projections and make them available to developers, schools, businesses, churches, and others needing information concerning growth trends, and obtain and maintain a file of economic assistance sources (technical and financial), and keep up-to-date files of data which may be of use and value to business and industries.	I (I)	I?	Research status with Carl; adjust inventory with web enabled information; input from Port Authority
<b>21. COST EFFICIENT SERVICES</b> Continue policy of providing the services needed by City's people	I (I)	I?	Document how implemented

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by most efficient and cost-effective methods.			
<b>22. IMPACT FEES</b> Consider assessing impact fees to new developers.	I	NI	TIF in the downtown instead
<b>23. CLEANUP CAMPAIGN</b> Cleanup around homes and businesses, sweep sidewalks.	I (I)	PI	Document in inventory: Adopt a street; p/u days by city, water in sweepers; Need add'l incentives for downtown businesses
<b>24. RECREATION</b> Support offering of broad range of recreation programs – especially those designed for youth and elderly.	I (I)	I	Document achievements; change names of resp. parties to Recreation Board and Youth Association
<b>25. RECREATIONAL BOATING</b> Relocate small recreational boating from breakwater to the area of former Cannery restaurant.	I (I)	I	Document implementation in different location; need to hear from harbor Committee; identify new activities eg Waco pier
<b>26. INNER BASIN</b> Continue plans to dredge inner basin.	I (I)	I	Document completion; identify maintenance needs
<b>27. MOORING AREAS</b> Preserve options for mooring and anchoring areas.	(I)	I	Document achievement; is there a continuing need; input from Harbor Committee
<b>28. MARINE TRADES CENTER</b> Expand the Center's role in aquaculture training and research.	I (I)	I; OG	Document achievement; identify continuing needs (check with WCCC)
<b>29. SHACKFORD HEAD</b> Cooperate with State in planning for this area.	I (I)	I; OG	Document achievement; identify continuing needs Remove Land Trust as resp party
<b>33. REGIONAL COORDINATION</b> Continue City's leadership role in Regional Planning Commission, Sunrise County Economic Council, Sustainable Cobscook Project, Solid Waste District, Regional and State business development organizations, and other groups and organizations dedicated to proposition "When one community succeeds, all benefit".	I (I)	PI	Source protection of drinking water; trails; needs additional discussion
<b>34. CITY ORDINANCES</b> Revise City ordinances based upon recommendations of this plan.	I (C)	NI	Zoning Ordinance never updated; lots of work done on Site Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance but needs to be completed and reviewed for adoption given 2003 deadline for Ordinances to be consistent with Comp Plan
<b>Longer Range Projects</b>			
<b>35. FREE TRADE ZONE</b> Continue exploration of establishing Free Trade Zone in City.	LR		
<b>36. HIGHWAY TO NEW PORT</b> a- Work to have road to Estes Head accepted as a State highway, b- work with towns and regional groups in the area to obtain better access to Route 9 and the Interstate system.	LR (C)	NI	a- Complete b- No action on access to Rt. 9
<b>46. RAIL YARD</b> Work to have rail service restored to Ayer Junction. Establish marshaling yard and warehousing there.	LR (I)*	NI*	City should promote continued public access of right of way. *Need Port Auth. inputs
<b>41. TIDAL ENERGY</b> Keep in mind potential of tidal energy generation as new environment-friendly techniques are developed.	LR (NI)	OG	
<b>43. INTERPRETIVE SIGNS</b> Install interpretive signs at Fort Sullivan and Prince Regent Redoubt	LR (PI)	OG	Delete PR Redoubt,
<b>44. WOODLOTS AND FARMS</b> Support proper management of small woodlots and agricultural areas.	LR	NI	

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<b>5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b> Encourage, support, and promote a variety of affordable and adequate housing appropriate for young people just starting families, elderly, and low-income people.	C (I)	PI	Inventory and identify status of going need
<b>8. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> Continue to be a leader in solid waste management.	C (C)	I	Document in Inventory. Process works smoothly.
<b>10. SENIOR SERVICES</b> Work to expand and improve services for seniors: specialized transportation, health care, and housing.	C (C)	PI	Add action step to provide information
<b>19. HOUSING FOR ELDERLY &amp; LOW-INCOME</b> Continue to not discriminate against mobile homes, other manufactured houses, or elderly and low-income housing within the City.	I (I)	PI?	Three facilities available, two allow single and low income residents. Waiting lists sometimes include elderly?
<b>30. NATURAL AREAS</b> Prohibit incompatible development in or adjacent to critical natural areas. Make sure owners of unique areas are aware of value, encourage proper care of them.	I (I)	OG	Seek input from Clam Committee, Cobscook Bay Resource Center, Project SHARE
<b>37. RAIL YARD</b> Work to have rail service restored to Ayer Junction. Establish marshaling yard and warehousing there.	LR (-)	NLP	Seek input from Port Authority
<b>39. CITY LANDFILL</b> Clean up old dump site.	LR (I, PI)	OG	Partially complete
<b>40. SWIMMING POOL</b> Support efforts to construct a year-round swimming pool for teaching young people to swim, therapeutic purposes for seniors, scuba instruction, and recreation.	LR	NLP	
<b>42. ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b> Explore mechanisms for further archeological surveys, including determining if there are significant sites of early French settlement which should be protected.	LR	OG	
<b>45. WALKING TOURS</b> Encourage walking tours to historic sites.	LR (C)	I/OG	
<b>46. AIR QUALITY</b> Take steps to maintain air quality.	LR (C)	OG	Permits required for open burning