

Changes in Trends / Opportunities

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Difficulty Retaining People Who Live Here	Programs/Recreation For All Ages Using Parks, Tourism, Waterfront, Downtown
Population Growth	Comprehensive Human Service Model
Lack of Educational Improvement	Devote Energy, Time and Resources to Education
Short Sighted Development Plan	To Use Underemployed and At-Risk People in Business and Growth
Shrinking Open Spaces	Environmental Leaders
Disproportionate Income and Housing	Make Education a Priority
Cost of Housing is Approaching or Exceeding 30% of the Median Household Income	Lower Tax Rate Re-Assess Tax Base and Keep People in Town Thru Education and Job Training
No Change in Minority Population	Increase Industry
Stress on the Infrastructure	Tie Development to Open Space Planning
University Expansion	Multi-Level Holistic Approach to Improve Schools thru University Partnerships
Number of Kids in Single-Parent Households and Below Poverty Line Increasing	Review and Update Zoning et. Al. with Citizen Input and Oversight
Growing Disparity of Incomes and Resources and Needs of the Community	Education – Emphasize Economic Development by Encouraging Students to Seek Employment in R.I.>