

Community Assets We Want to Carry Forward

Table 1:

- Natural Thriving Eco-system
- Affordability
- Local Jobs/Work
- Public Boardwalks to Water
- Fourth of July Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting
- Maintain a viable and diverse downtown
- Access
- Live/Work/Play
- Small Town
- Progress with Moderation
- Culture
- History
- Melting Pot
- Architecture in town
- Maintain quality built environment
- Continue Philanthropy and Volunteerism
- Diversity
- No Private Areas
- Preserve existing open space

Table 2:

- Authenticity and Cultural Accessibility
- Walk able downtown
- Small businesses/personal
- State Street Dock and Boat Ramp
- Water views
- Strong Portuguese cultural aspect
- High Performing Schools
- Favors of Bristol – Diversity in Restaurants
- Civic minded people
- Businesses that allow people to live and work within the community
- Historic museums
- Volunteerism
- Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies
- Strong connections between business owners/customers, and town leaders/citizens
- Trees/Canopy
- Historic Beauty
- Number of Churches
- Support of children
- Warm and Welcoming

- Famous/Infamous
- Audubon Society
- Bike Path

Table 3:

- Distinct downtown
- Open Spaces and Parks (Mt. Hope Farm, Colt State Park etc.)
- Fourth of July Parade
- Summer outdoor concerts on the Common
- Museums (there are 10)
- Waterfront (improve and conserve)
- Bay and Harbor
- Friendly
- People are always present downtown
- Pride in property/ownership
- Right of Ways
- Diverse cultural groups
- Ethnicity of Wood Street
- Volunteer Spirit
- Historic Landmarks
- The New Snowflake
- Arboriculture (trees)
- The Swans
- Roger Williams University

Table 4:

- Gorgeous Harbor
- Access to Harbor
- Colonial heritage and architecture
- Sense of Volunteerism
- Number of museums and cultural heritage centers
- Sense of community
- Diversity
- Small town flavor
- Walk ability
- Parks and Open Spaces
- School Buildings
- Downtown Schools
- School System
- Roger Williams University
- Livability
- Maritime Character
- Historic and Scenic Character
- Boardwalk
- Reasonable taxes

- Geographic Isolation
- Downtown
- Beautiful Homes
- Fourth of July
- Patriotism
- Tom Byrnes Bike Path
- Great Restaurants
- Churches
- Diversity of Religious Denomination
- Job Availability
- Attractiveness of living/working in Bristol
- Ability to have voice (ex.- forum)
- Speak Out
- Mount Hope Bridge
- All community individuals
- Bristol State House
- Authentic New England Town Common (laid out in 1680 with downtown plan)
- Nice sculptures/statues
- Historic District
- Mount Hope Bay
- Bristol Harbor
- Kickemuit River

Table 5:

- Speakout, Waterfront, Downtown Area, Historic District, Colt Park, Friendly People, Access to Water/Parks, Restaurant Variety, Peaceful/Safe Environment, Walk ability, Boardwalk, Mansions/Museums, Diversity of People
- Civic Participation, Public Spaces, Access to Water, Youth Activities
- Finds under \$50
- Restaurants, familiarity, non-suburban nature, history, ethnic cultural diversity, characters
- Shoreline beauty, walk ability of downtown, neighborhood feel, ethnic diversity, cultural diversity of expression
- Beautiful architecture, Access to Water, It's home
- Tree lined streets, Unrestricted access to water, red/white/blue street stripes, character of the town, walks downtown, historic architecture
- Historical integrity, lack of overdevelopment, public green space, public access to water, clean water, pride in community, citizen involvement and volunteerism, acceptance of diversity
- Camaraderie among citizens, strong sense of community, attractive new businesses
- Stone walls, scent across Hope Street, access to water, architecture of homes, grid, museums
- Town Common, Schools given to Town

Table 6:

- Well Groomed Homes
- Christmas Festivals
- 4th of July, New Star
- Historical Architecture
- Passionate People
- Colt Park
- Involvement by people in the community
- Bike Path
- Diversity of merchants in town
- Small town feel
- Waterfront
- Harbor
- Aidans
- College in Town
- Diverse Ethnic Community
- Close to medium and major metro center – get the good with the bad
- Museums
- Trees
- Town is safe and we want it to stay that way
- Small Farms resulting in fresh produce
- Boat Building

Table 7:

- Downtown including post office, library
- Views west down the street and across the harbor
- Preservation of historic buildings; could be improved
- Keep the water view; Core asset of Bristol
- Not a “cookie cutter”; very diverse
- Events that involve the entire community
- Colt State Park
- Town Common as a focal point
- Variety of architecture
- Fishing Industry
- Involved citizenry
- Voices for Bristol
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Small Town feel with big town assets
- High performing schools
- Waterfront and the public access to it
- Trees
- We have transportation that keeps us connected
- We have beaches
- Roger Williams University
- Bike Path

- Story of town since 1600s
- Variety of religions
- Excellent bakeries, restaurants and eateries
- Fairs/Festivals/Ethnic Influence
- Manufacturing (ex – boat building)

Table 8:

- Fresh Perspectives
- Openness
- Diplomatic
- Love of Community
- Tenacity
- Common Business Sense
- Compromising Ability
- Youth
- Consensus Builder
- Longtime Sobriety
- Walk ability
- East Bay Bike Path
- Downtown District
- Natural Beauty
- Proximity to Sports, Cultured Activities etc.
- Small Town Familiarity
- Not Suburban
- Roger Williams University
- Generosity of Neighbors
- Mt. Hope Bridge – Visual & Commercial
- Events at the Courthouse
- Historical Buildings/Historical Society
- Architecture
- Community Oriented Activities
- Blithewold/Mt. Hope Farm
- Audubon Society
- Colt State Park
- Island Mentality
- Water Activities – kayak, sailing etc.
- Town Common/Other Parks
- Native American Heritage
- Museums – Linden Place, Heffenreffer
- Diversity in Restaurants
- Public Access to Water
- Public Activism
- Main St. at Christmas
- Post Office and Libraries in Town
- Red/White/Blue center street line

Table 9:

- Sense of family
- Continued Improvement in the School System
- Preserve the “Free” Library
- Not just a “Bedroom Community”
- Preserve all the wonderful outside community events
- Cultural Diversity
- “Sidewalk” The individual/personal things that make Bristol the place that you want to live
- Historic Integrity/Identity
- Museums, Parks and the Town Common
- Better Relationships between Town and RWU
- Bike Path, Sailing, Outside Activities
- Good Neighbor Soup Kitchen
- Maintain small businesses to be able to afford to be here and grow
- Maintain the comfortable town scale
- Consistent Zoning and Planning
- Ability to Speak Out and be Heard
- Sense of Caring and Concern for Others
- Trees
- How everything is close and accessible
- Sense of Safety

Table 10:

- Cultural Influences and Traditions
- Downtown Environment – trees, architecture, sidewalks, library, post office
- Variety of Ethnic Neighborhoods
- Bike Path
- Recreation Offerings
- Open Space – Colt State Park, Mount Hope Farm etc.
- Diversity of Small Businesses and Opportunity for New Ones
- Sense of Community
- “Kickie”/Harbor – Water, and Boat Access
- “Smallness”, Familiarity, Safety
- Cultural Opportunities – Museums all 8 plus
- Architecture- Colt School etc.
- Shopping – we’re “self sufficient”
- Busline – Hope St.
- Fourth of July Parade
- Grand Illumination
- Volunteerism
- Concerts – Colt School, and Common
- Fireworks
- Old Schools – Colt, Guiteras etc.

- Roger Williams University
- Wildlife, Birds, etc.
- Smells of Bristol – Bakery, Low tide, and Restaurants

Table 11:

- Walkable, ethnic diversity, University, The Bay, history, community identity, parks
- Diversity of people- ethnicity, culturally, socio-economically, “can-do” spirit, ability to keep up with change and be flexible
- Volunteer firehouse, Catholic Community, “Norman Rockwell” safe feeling
- Community Activism/Volunteering, Cultural Resources, and a defined Downtown Coastal Area
- Marine Business Growth, Small Town Atmosphere
- Our Pride, Our Neighborhoods, Cleanliness of our shoreline, Love of Passion
- Trees, Mt. Hope Bridge, Prudence Ferry, Coggeshall Farm, Mt. Hope Farm, Bike path
- Independent Businesses, Marshlands/Wetlands, Public Transportation, No microphone at the “Sip ‘n Dip”
- Architecture
- Accessibility to Providence, Newport, Boston, T.F. Green Airport
- Compact Size

Table 12:

- Downtown Core, Atmosphere, Walk Ability
- Small Town
- Town Spirit
- Interactive Community
- Waterfront Accessibility
- Neighborhood Schools
- Accessible/Public Parks
- Historic Character
- Cultural Diversity
- Socio-Economic Diversity
- Neighborhoods
- Museums
- Tree Lined Streets
- Architecture
- HDC
- Historic Preservation
- University
- Boating Industry, Boat Building/Boat Recreation/Town Docks
- Audubon
- Coggeshall Farm
- Colt State Park/Mt. Hope Farm/Blithewold/Linden Place

- Community Traditions (4th, holiday stroll, tree lighting, R.I. Philharmonic
- Pride in Ownership
- Real Town
- Enterprise Zone
- Gardens/Trees
- Town Common
- Focus on Hope Street our Stripe
- Volunteer Fire Department