

Trends/Changes/Opportunities

Table 1 Trends/Changes:

- Higher Income Level, Higher Education Level, 2nd Home ownership
- More money/development (i.e. Walgreens) traffic increase
- More development residential, mooring field/waterfront
- Dramatic property increase, median income has remained stagnant
- People who live here can't afford to continue in future - retention
- More development
- Demographics
- Alcohol/drug rate
- Not enough programs for all
- Traffic increase/lack of road maintenance
- Increase in real estate for sale
- Decrease in sales

Table 1 Opportunities:

- Programs with recreation for all ages: Programs and parks and tourism and town.
- More upscale restaurants and spec. shops
- Casino and mall on the swampland
- Increase tax base through commercialization for residents
- Newcomers
- Volunteers
- Better relationships between town and RWU
- Embrace the harbor and tourism

Table 2:

Trends/Changes:

- **Losing middle class**
- **McMansions**
- **Traffic too much**
- **Population Growth**
- **Aging of Population**
- **Loss of open space and farmland**
- **Increased Housing Costs**
- **Decreased in SAT takers**
- **Increased in Hospitality and Restaurants**
- **Increased in planning and zoning variances**

Table 2 Opportunities:

- **More problem solvers**
- **Increased in affordable housing**
- **Opportunity to increase SAT taking and graduation rate.**
- **Tourism**
- **Continue to improve our school system k-12**
- **Water Management(run off, consumption,water resources)**

- **Comprehensive human services model**
- **Investment in arts and humanities in public schools**
- **Encourage entrepreneurial investments**
- **Improve educational standards and programs throughout system**

Table 3 Trends/Changes:

- **Development to looser**
- **Standards not current historical standards, Lack of consistency**
- **Overregulation of historical standards**
- **Lack of controls in residential development**
- **Growth in extreme socioeconomic ends**
- **Sky rocketing property values**
- **Shrinking open spaces**
- **Decrease high school graduation rates**

Table 3 Opportunities

- **Opportunities in marine industry**
- **Growth in tourism industry**
- **Opportunity to become environmental leaders**
- **Opportunity to better manage watersheds**
- **Expansion of recreational activities**
- **Increase sewage capacity**
- **Sustainable economic development**
- **Opportunity to shape Bristol's Future**
- **Create more educational and culture activities**

Table 4 Trends/Changes:

- **Increase in housing and rental costs**
- **Increased poverty**
- **Disproportionate income/housing**
- **Diversity..ethnicity**
- **Perception Newport**
- **Dichotomy**
- **32% students out of district**
- **Increased open space**
- **Development of farmland**
- **Decrease industry**
- **Change in nature of jobs**
- **Better performing schools(elem)**
- **# of students not completing high school**
- **Population more spread out**

Table 4 Opportunities:

- **More retirees, time to volunteer**
- **Improve recycling program(expand)**
- **Rehab industrial buildings, new use of jobs**

- **Get to know people,revive sense of “neighborliness”**
- **Clean up bay**
- **Address school issues and policies(poss. Use wealth moving in town)**
- **Make education priority**
- **Identify cultural links to graduation rate**
- **Move an involve high school students**
- **Charter School**
- **Condos downtown**
- **Revitalize center**

Table 5 Trends:

- **Income No change for fifteen years**
- **Children below poverty level**
- **Land Use**
- **High school Dropout Rate**
- **Population Increase**
- **High Percentage to private schools**
- **Increase population and low income**
- **Drain on schools**
- **Development at RWU takes drain on community: budget,police,rent**
- **Amount of Development**
- **Cost of Housing**
- **Drop out Rate**
- **SAT Scores**
- **Lack of educational improvement**

Table 5: Opportunities

- **School improvement team made of community not just educators**
- **Parental commitment to education**
- **New people**
- **Formulate plan by town and RWU**
- **Energy time and money to education**
- **Decrease in development**
- **Increase economic development**

Table 6 Trends:

- **More recreation available**
- **Short sighted development plan**
- **Open space not all accessible**
- **Increase in at risk households**
- **Increase in income extremes**
- **Not adequate planning in education**
- **Schools moving from suburban to urban core system**
- **Housing cost growth**

Table 6 Opportunities:

- **Capitalizing on open space**
- **Increase Philanthropy and outreach**
- **Increase recreational opportunities for teens**
- **To fix results of short sighted development**
- **Opportunity for using under employed at risk people in business and growth**
- **Increase property values help grow tax base**
- **Keep more students in school**

Table 7 Trends:

- **People that move in bring initiative and involvement**
- **Large increase in poverty level**
- **Cost of housing (building rent) mean 30%**
- **Low/moderate income groups increase over 10 years**
- **Diversity in culture and people**
- **Price of housing increasing dramatically; making it difficult to stay here**
- **Change in demographic not one house owners, 2nd house is in Bristol**
- **Increase in “McMansion”, Expensive housing**
- **Population Increase**
- **Increase in children leaving the town for private schools**
- **Concept of working poor, increase in lost perception**
- **3 billion as a revenue base**

Table 7 Opportunities:

- **To increase affordable housing**
- **Stay true to the comp plan**
- **Less variances, enforce current zoning**
- **Large developments bring in larger tax revenue**
- **Continuing to expand job opportunities for non-college students**
- **Involve people that are not full time residents, get them interested, vested interest**
- **Increase graduation rate**
- **Better Recycling business and residential**
- **How do we change people’s perception**
- **How to increase their standard of living for a better life**
- **Lower tax rate by reassessing tax base, encourage increase in education to keep people in town**
- **Increase job training opportunities**
- **Increase Housing**

Table 8 Trends:

- **Housing Cost and Type of housing built**
- **Increase in rents-business/housing**
- **Median household income decreased**
- **High School graduation rate low**
- **Physical improvements to buildings**

- **Increase in restaurants**
- **Over growth in housing development numbers**
- **Large percentage non-public school students**
- **No change in minority**
- **Increase traffic on Metacom**

Table 8 Opportunities:

- **Small business friendly**
- **Education Attainment**
- **Volunteerism/involvement**
- **Educational Development Growth**
- **Technical Schools**
- **Sustain Viability of Real Estate**
- **Expand Mentoring Program**
- **Hospitality and Industry**
- **Maintain Open Space**
- **Attract Business**
- **Increase in Tax Base**

Table 9 Trends:

- **Visitorship Rising Good/Challenging**
- **Increase in Low/Moderate**
- **Shift Farming/Manufacturing to Residential**
- **Median Income and Jobs Trend Down**
- **Density Resulting From Condo Development**
- **Real Estate: Increase in Property Value/Affordability**
- **Density Compromises Community Values**
- **Cost of Living Increase**
- **Stress on Infrastructure**
- **Development Compromising the Environment**
- **Increase in Trash**

Table 9 Opportunities:

- **Recycling**
- **Through Education and Housing Give Everyone an Opportunity**
- **Tap into Roger Williams University**
- **Development Tied to Open Space Planning**
- **Dwelling/Land Value Comparison**
- **Volunteerism and Energy**
- **New Investors Give Back**
- **School & Town Council Work Better**
- **Portuguese Community Contributes to Vibrant Culture**

Table 10 Trends:

- **Development outside of core**
- **Disappearance of underdeveloped land**
- **Increase of small business**
- **Cost of living growing faster than income**
- **Increase price of housing**
- **Graduation rate rising**
- **Increase potholes**
- **Kids in single parent households and or below the poverty level**
- **Waterfront development on the rise**
- **Aging infrastructure: electricity water**

Table 10 Opportunities:

- **Review/update zoning ord. with citizen input/oversight**
- **Increase awareness/utilization of available programs**
- For low income families**
- **Preserve open space**
- **Better utilize existing resources: Cogshell, Mt. Hope Farm**
- **Tap into and encourage NEW Bristolians to participate**
- **Use of decommissioned schools**
- **Improve graduation rates**
- **Community boating programs**
- **Make positive impact on Bristol**
- **Support small businesses**

Table 11 Trends:

- **Increased population/# of households**
- **Decrease in open space**
- **Improvements in school system**
- **Property values \$**
- **Influx of retirees**
- **Population growth slower in last 10 years**
- **Low recycling rate**
- **Increase in single parent households**
- **Portuguese percentage of population**
- **Harbor concerns**
- **Small businesses**
- **University expansion**
- **Increase in children in private schools**
- **Scholastic achievements as deterrent**
- **Increased congestion(cars/people)**
- **Limited parking**
- **% of high school degrees and below to professional/university degrees**

Table 11 Opportunities:

- **Multilevel, holistic, approach to improve schools through university partnerships**

Table 12 Trends:

- **Greater turnover in small business ownership**
- **Disparity of income and resources needs of community**
- **Increase of number of lower moderate income is alarming and dramatic**
- **Population density: Problems in traffic and noise**
- **Increase in social issues and problems**
- **How much expensive to here. In a state with limited private opportunities and high demands .Sate Public employment**
- **College Town :Attraction to Higher Education needs to increase**

Table 12 Opportunities:

- **Roger Williams as a resource to the town for adult education, courses and recreation**
- **New Library as a resource to the community**
- **Negative opportunity, Upscale bedroom community**
- **Education: Opportunity to emphasize the economic development to encourage students to seek employment in Bristol RI**
- **The development of Robin Rug as a tremendous opportunity to the team**
- **With the beauty of this town to activate more environmental action**
- **Business to work with universities to create internships and jobs**
- **Prevention to Mount Hope lands**