

Ideas Suggested at the POCD Public Input Session October 7, 2014

- Do not allow new roads from New Haven to link to Woodin Street
- Create new and update existing inventories of natural resources, including:
 - rare species
 - species of special concern
 - areas of habitat for rare species
 - open space that has been added to Brooksvale Park, and otherwise added to the Town owned property
- Incorporate information from development applications such as wetlands, flora, fauna, species of special concern, etc.
- Investigate ways to couple recreational open space with natural/preserved open space.
- Include the goals listed in the 2004 POCD regarding the Quinnipiac Marsh
- Show parcels that have been acquired by the Land Trust, including the parcel on State Street that is home to the eagles nest(s).
- Inventory Hamden's tree canopy
- Use iTree software, GIS and Google maps to record Hamden's natural resources
- Continue to partner with the Land Trust to acquire open space
- PL 490 - map properties and discuss advantages, disadvantages and relevance of to adjacent parcels
- Map wildlife corridors along permanently dedicated open space
- Inventory street trees and open space trees
- Need for benchmarks as an objective for inventories
- Map urban tree cover
 - What streets have/don't have street trees
 - Include parking lots in this map
- Create a process for informing new property owners of their responsibility to comply with conditions of approval from Wetlands, Planning + Zoning and ZBA approvals
- Unclog street drains
- Investigate ways to keep salt and sand from leaching into Mill River and other wetlands and waterways
- Educate citizens about planting native plants
- Publicize the Southwest Conservation Service at Lockwood Farm
- Keep trees for their beauty, as sound barriers, air purifiers and oxygen generators
- Create an inventory of notable trees
- Don't plow snow onto shrubs
- Encourage Dark Sky / Light the Night restrictions on night lighting
- Encourage public/private partnership regarding energy generation
- Use solar panels on schools and other public buildings to generate electricity to sell back to utility companies
- Designate "Development Zones", Include mapped ideas from the 2007 charrette
- Create policy regarding fire pits

- Generate a list of scenic roadways
- Make Hamden an “energy aggregator”, generate, collect and distribute energy as a “new” role for government
- Street lighting - inventory of street lights and investigate the effect of conversion to LED
- Review the 2004 POCD for ideas to continue to include in 2015 POCD
- Create a boardwalk along the Quinnipiac River
- Create public access to the Quinnipiac River for birders, kayaking
 - Develop solutions to issues regarding inland wetlands, coastal wetlands and the need to cross over railroad tracks
 - Regulate the shooting of ducks
- Re-visit the Saratoga Report done for QU several years ago
- Build commercial tax base and reduce the residential tax burden
- Re-build Southern Dixwell
- Inventory vacant land
- Inventory vacant stores/buildings
- What is the plan for redevelopment in the areas that need it
- Post maps of sites that are ripe for redevelopment on the Town website and in the POCD
- Create a “critical nodes” map
- Market the Town for economic development
- Get help from the State to encourage development like:
 - Jackson Labs
 - BlueBack Square
 - 9th Square
- Look at regionalization
- Get input from State regarding what they plan to do with State owned property
- Map various publicly owned property
- Bring in artists
- Brownfield remediation - mitigate brownfields to encourage development
- Need more east/west corridors