

Appendix G. EVALUATION MEASURES

This appendix established evaluation measures that describe how the Town of Machiasport will periodically (at least every five years) evaluate the following:

- A. The degree to which future land use plan strategies have been implemented;
- B. Percent of municipal growth-related capital investments in growth areas;
- C. Location and amount of new development in relation to community's designated growth areas, rural areas, and critical resource areas
- D. Amount of critical resource areas protected through acquisition, easements, or other measures.

Implementation of Future Land Use Plan

The Land Use Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan establishes a municipal policy directing the Selectmen and Planning Board to "Review and revise existing use regulations, consistent with the goals and guidelines of this Comprehensive Plan."

In addition, the Comprehensive Plan directs the Planning Board and Selectmen to "track new development in town by type and location and periodically (at least every five years) evaluate implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and land ordinances to ensure that community goals are being met."

To ensure that these objectives are met, it is recommended that the Selectmen hold within six months of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan a joint meeting with the Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer, and staff from the Washington County Council of Governments to develop a specific time table for implementation of the Land Use policies and implementation strategies established in the Comprehensive Plan.

Growth Related Capital Investment

The Fiscal Capacity chapter establishes a municipal policy of "financ[ing] public facilities and services in a cost effective manner" and with an implementation strategy directing to the Selectmen to "direct a minimum of 75% of new municipal growth-related capital investments into designated growth areas in the Future Land Use Plan."

To ensure that these objectives are met, in years when the Town makes growth-related capital investment(s) the Selectmen should in their annual report indicate the percent of each growth related capital investment made in designated growth areas.

Location and Amount of New Development

The Land Use Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan directs the Planning Board and Selectmen to "track new development in town by type and location and periodically (at least every five years) evaluate implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and land ordinances to ensure that community goals are being met."

To ensure that this objective is met, the Selectmen should direct the Chair of Planning Board to submit with his/her annual report a table indicating the type and location of new development for which permits have been issued in the previous year.

Protection of Critical Resources

The location(s) of critical natural resources are indicated on *Map 6: Critical Habitat*. Many of these resources are already protection to a large degree by shoreland zoning and/or through conservation. To monitor the amount of critical resource areas protected through acquisition, easements, or other measures, the Town Assessor should maintain a record of parcels enrolled in Tree Growth, Farmland or Open Space protection programs as well as those parcels protected by conservation easement or managed by land trusts, the Town or federal and state agencies for conservation purposes, so that a parcel level map of protected critical resources can be compared against *Map 6: Critical Habitat* as part of the periodic evaluation (see above).