2014 Comprehensive Plan Implemenation Progress Tracking Spreadsheet

Date last amended: 9/7/21

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1	Goals of the	2014 Town of Belg	rade Comprei	nensive Plan.										
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4	1	Protect quality of	Belgrade's lake	es by making s	sure all develo	pment and la	and use activit	ies do their fa	ir share to lim	it phosphoroι	us impacts on t	he lakes and	septic systems.	
5		from sources inclu	uding stormwa	ter runoff, er	osion,									
6	2	Conserve and enh	ance the tradi	tional charact	er of our villa	ge and rural a	areas by ensur	ing that new c	levelopment o	omplements	existing style, o	lensity, setba	cks, etc.	
7	3	Encourage econor	nic growth and	d developmer	nt to maintain	strong local e	economy and J	property tax b	ase that is cor	isistent with t	he town's char	acter and		
8		compatible with n		• •										
9	4	Minimize the futu	re costs of mu	nicipal service	es by limiting s	sprawl, strip o	levelopment,	and fragmenta	ation of open	space.				
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_	Acronyms fo	r Matrix												
13		Select Board												
_	TM	Town Manager												
15		Planning Board												
	BHS	Belgrade Historica												
	BCS	Belgrade Central S												
_	BPR	Belgrade Parks an												
	CEO	Code Enforcemen	t Officer											
20	CC	possible job descr	iption items fo	or a Conservat	ion Commissi	on								

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1		Recommendation	Who	Not st	In pr	con	comments
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4	Ch. 4 Historic and Cultural	Within the CFAS, display artifacts, images and paper records of the past. Open to public. Secure. Climate controlled					
5		Establish a website for the BHS, separately or linked to, the Town of Belgrade website.	BHS			х	
6		Community Outreach - students, volunteers, families, groups	BHS, TB, W	eb con	х		
7	2	Survey historic house, cellar holes, and historic areas	BHS		х		
8	2	Continue care of 3-4 small, old cemetaries			х		
9	2	Develop historic preservation ordinance		х			
10	2	Work with administration of BCS to develop teaching modules		х			
11		Establish clubs with cultural focus to put on events		х			
12		Host seasonal plays, concerts		X			
13		Through land use ordinances, incorporat maps provided by Maine Preservation Commission into existing review process.	Planning Boa	x			

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1		Recommendation	Who	Not started	In progress (completed	comments		
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3	Ch. 5 Community	Recreation							
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6		Develop a trail plan: map existing walking, hiking, cycling trails; work with local trail groups	BPR		X				
7		evaluate both public and private lands on which additional trails may be established;							
8		determine resources needed, priorities, and timelines for building and linking trails and recreation sites;							
9		locate education stations along trails.							
10		Seek North Belgrade opportunity for waterfront access (deeded trust, donation, other)	BPR	X					
11		Expand waterfront access at existing beaches.	SB, TM						
12		Update signs and maps of public spaces	SB, TM						
13		Evaluate under-utilized town lands and facilitiies inlcuding existing land by Transfer Station for rec purposes.	SB, TM			X	Forestry Plan	completed. T	M has copy
14		Utilize website as Community E-space to build electronic community around recreational activities	BPR						
15		Build customer database and tracking tool: email, Facebook, and emerging social media to improve communications	BPR		X				
16		Maintain on-going, effective communications campaign "goings on", volunteer opportunities, and wish lists.	BPR		x				I

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1	Natural Resources	Recommendation	Who	Not started	In progress (%)) Completed	Comments
2	Ch. 6 Natural Resources						
3							
4		Promote landowner awareness and action by developing or obtaining and distributing information about the need to pr	Tof B, NGOs, CC		Х		
5			SB, TM	х			Discussion with TM (6/1/16)
6		Essential, Significant, and other wildlife habitats, wetlands, and unusual natural features.					text: Beginning With Habitat
7		Strengthen regulatory protection by adding deer yards and other state-listed wildlife resources to be protected in subdivision an	Select board (SB)				
8		Use Beginning with Habitat database**					
9		Require applicants to request review from Natural Areas Program when in area of known unusual communities or rare plants.		x			
10		Revise shoreland zoning ordinance to include areas within 75 feet of all perennial streams and insure protection for kettle hole	PB, SB	x			2017
11		Establish a Critical Resource Conservation District, encompassing all areas of known critical resource assets.**	CC	х			Carrie? 2017
12		Prepare an open space plan incl. criteria for public land acquisition. (recommend working with land conservation groups)**	CC				
13		Establish an Open Space Acquisition Reserve Account to receive funds from grants, donations, etc to purchase land/eas	SB, TM		Х		
14			PB, SB, CEO		X		Refer to DEP when cases arise (5/19/21)
15		Monitor disturbance of forested wetlands, esp. those not included in shoreland zoning.**	CC				
16			PB, SB		Х		Rare issue
17	Visual Resources	Amend land use ordinances to; adjust setbacks for new structures in rural areas;	PB				
18		6 I 6 7	PB,CEO, ??				
19			PB, CC		Х		Commercial Dev. Review Update
20			PB		Х		ditto
21			PB, CC		Х		ditto
22			SB, CC, PB, CEO				
23		Educate landowners about the Open Space Tax Law**	CC				
24	Gravel Mining	Protect Belgrade Esker/Delta Complex in districts	?		Х		
25		Uses which threaten ground water are excluded or controlled through performance standards					
26		Residential development is allowed, but not encouraged, at least until extraction is complete in the vicinity.			X		
27		Encourage redevelopment of pits for other uses.**	?		X		Comm. Dev. Review Update
28	Regional Coordination	Initiate and/or participate in interlocal and/or regional planning, management, and or regulatory efforts around shared critical	SB, CC, PB, CEO				
29		and important natural resources.		X			

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1		Recommendation	Who	Not started	In progress (%) completed	comments						
2 C	h. 7 Water Resources Lakes												
3													
4		Establish the conservation committee that was recommended in the 1998 comprehensive plan.	SB, TM	х									
5		Inventory town roads to determine which segments have the greatest impact on water quality and develop and implement a remedial program.	CC										
6		Continue to train town road crews in DEP's standards for erosion and sedimentation controland apply to all Town-owned roads and facilities projects.	TM, ongoing										
7		Continue commitment to clean storm drains in Belgrade Lakes village											
8		Ensure strong levels of protection to control phosphorous from all sources of new development and other land use disturbances.	PB, CC		50		Incorporated	into CDRO,	pending in Su	bdiv. Ordinanc	e, est. 50% co	ompliance (5/1	9/21)
9		Improve implementation of the Ordinance's existing phosphorous, storm water and soil erosion standards by	PB, CC, CEC)									
10		utilizing the Board's authority to hire technical reviews of these submissions to ensure they are complete and meet the	PB		х		Commercial I	Dev. Review	v Update				
11		requirements of the ordinance, paid for by the developer.											
12		Actively support the lakes associations, land trust, and private initiatives aimed at protecting and improving lake water quality	SB, TM, CC										
13		and educating the public about appropriate techniques. Continue to annually support the BRCA Conservation Corps.	SB										
14		Actively pursue the development of a Watershed District in order to receive increased conservation funding.	SB,CC		х								
15		Request lake associations to provide information for distribution at the town office, promoting boater awareness of sensitive wildlife	TM, CC, ong	oing									
16		populations and habitats on the lakes.	SB, CC, PB,	CEO									
17	Ground Water	Track contamination sites and encourage citizens to share the results of problematic water quality test sites with the Town.	SB										
18		Use, and update as possible, existing data from DEP and DHS and the Town's plumbing inpsector regarding indentified cotaminated	?										
19		sites which have old underground tanks when reviewing development proposals to determine whether available ground											
20		water is contaminated or likely to become so.											
21		Strengthen standards to protect private and public drinking water supplies from contamination from petroleum and hazardous substances.					ask George re	e: BCS wate	er update				
22		Requiring proposed petroleum storage facilities and businesses using or generating hazardous substances to provide	PB		х		Comm. Dev.	Review Upd	late				
23		documentation of compliancewith State laws and regulations governing drinking water protection.											
24		Consider whether a protective district is needed for the schools's water supply	SB, TM	х			??						
25	Regional Coordination	Continue to engage local officials in other watershed towns in making lake protection plans, regulatios, and activities consistent.	TM, CC, ong	oing									

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1		Recommendation	Who	Not started	In progress (%)	Completed	Comments				
2	Ch 8 Public Services and Management										
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4		Develop a master plan exploring sites in the "central triangle" location for the development of a new Town Office and firestation.	TM		50		Town office developed, fire	station location	on under consi	deration	
5		Indentify changes in government structures and staffing, i.e. elected vs staff positions, bidding policies, and facilities needed to	TM			Х					
6		meet service demands in the next 25-50 years				Х					
7		Continue seeking private or regionalized services when quality service and cost effectiveness can be attained. Continue	Transfer Sta,	TM							
8		contracting yearly agreements to local service providers.				Х					
9		Minutes of all town boards and committees should be prepared electronically, published in a standard format for ease of reading,	Town staff,								
10		and published on the town's website. This would great; yenhance the openness the openness of town government and	Webmaster		60		Budget, Roads, Communica	tion, Cemeter	y, Parks Rec.,	Senior Resou	rce do not yet
11		perhaps encourage more citizen involvement.									
12		The town's website should be significantly upgraded and merketed to or citizens. We whould continue to offer electronic	Webmaster,	ГМ		X					
13		communications to our citizens, i.e. Annual reports, newsletters, etc., via email.									
14	Public Safety	develop and update annually a five year fire protection, management and budget plan to inlcude evaluating the need for a full	Fire Chief, T	M		Х					
15		time fire chief and rescue director									
16		Continue to maintain effective mutual aid agreements, especially during week days. Recognize contributions of local businesses	FC, SB			Х					
17		which allow employees to respond to alarms during work.									
18		Adequately compensate fire and rescue personnel for expanded reporting, response, and inspection duties.	TM ongoing			Х	Ongoing due to competition		cipalities		
19	Solid Waste	Develop and implement mandatory recycling and work with commercial hauler to increase recycling rate.	TM, Transfer	Sta	X		Ongoing, need to improve r	ecycling rate			
20		Work with surrounding communities in selling recyclables and explore the need for a storage facility for recyclables.									
21	Library	Provide free access to library services for the entire community, including free technology-based library services. Increase funding (?)	TM, librariar	1		X					
22		Continue to partner with Maine State Library Services			X		Delayed by Pandemic/move	of State libra	ry		
23	Finance	Explore the impact of TIF development as directed towards expanding Belgrade's commercial tax base.	TM, SB	Х							
24		Use impact fees to offset infrastructure costs and allow TIF districts to help develop commercial tax base. (Develop a policy)	TM, SB	Х							
25	Capital Planning	Locate new public facilities comprising at least 75% of new municipal growth-related capital investments in designated growth areas	TM			X	Town office & library in Vi	llage Districts			
25 26 27		Reserve Capital funds for anticipated facilities needs on a regular basis.	TM ongoing			Х					
	Ch. 9 Transportation Systems	Make annual budget decisions for road construction, repairs and maintenance based upon RSMS Inventory and Condition of	TM, RC	X			Practice discontinued				
29 30		Road Surface annual report. Growth ares, historical costs, pavement management techniques, and road related									
30		revenues must be taken into account.									
31		Collaborate with DOT to maintain and improve state highway system, inleuding storm drain systems, in good and safe condition.	RC			Х					
32		Contract with the County or State for increased traffic control in summer, especially in Belgrade Lakes Village.	SB			Х					
33		Establish on-road bicycle routes and suignage connecting Belgrade Villages.	BPR			Status unknown					
34		Review land use ordinances to ensure they are compatible with the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, State access management IC, PB 80 Limited to public road intersections									
35		regulations and State traffic permitting regulations for large developments.							1		
36		Amend land use ordinance standards to encourage efficient transportation systems and provide for future street connections.	IC,PB		80		Limited to subdivision ordinance				

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1	Ch. 10 Economic	Recommendation	Who	Not	In	Completed	Comments					
2	Development			started	progress							
3					(%)							
4		Prohibit new manufacturing and large scale commercial in rural areas.	SB	Х			Requires est. land use ordinance					
5												
6			PB			Х	Commercial Develpmnt Ord. updated 2017					
7		roads and abutting properties, are compatible with the neighborhood and do not create a nuisance, health hazard or pollution.	SB	Х			Requires land use ordinance for smaller development not triggering CDRO					
8												
9		Maintain the attractiveness of the route 27 gateway into Belgrade and Belgrade Lakes region	PB				Commercial Develpmnt Ord. requires veg. buffers					
10			SB	X			Requires land use ordinance for smaller development not triggering CDRO					
11												
12		Maintain and enhance the Belgrade "brand" with New England style architectural standards for new commercial development in	SB	X			Requires est. land use ordinance					
13												
14		Enact changes to how we regulate commercial development:										
15		a. Clarify standards so more easily understood by applicants	PB				Commercial Develop. Ordinance					
16		 b. Lessen some requirements for re-development of an existing business location 	"									
17		c. Strengthen standards to reduce nuisance potential, including noise, lighting, signage, solid waste, odors and traffic	"				n n					
18		d. Require site development plans to be to scale	"			-						
19			SB	Х			Not legal to descriminate one type business					
20		f. Stengthen to address enforcement and financial penalties	SB	Х			Would require town policy applicable to all ordinances					
21												
22		Improve code enforcement following permit issuance	CEO/TM/S	SB	50		CEO hours increased to 25/wk, resulting in inspection of 100% projects but	t best est by (CEO only 50%	compliance (5/19/21)	
23											L	L
24		Add standard condition on commercial permits that permit only for that applied for	PB			Х	Commercial Develop Ord.				L	L
25											L	L
26		Create permit by rule administered by CEO for small, non-obtrusive businesses	PB			Х	Commercial Develop Ord.				L	L
27											L	L
28		Participate in regional business/economic development planning/activities	TM			Х	Participates in KVCOG regional econ. development group				L	L
29									1		L'	<u> </u>
30		Assess compliance with CDRO projects approved to date	CEO	Х			Difficult to assess compliance prior to 2016 due to lack of findings of fact a	klaw by PB a	nd inconsister	t decisionmak	ing; feasible th	nereafter

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1		Recommendation	Who	Not started	In progress (%)	Completed	Comments							
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3														
4	Ch. 12 Forestry/Farming	Provide literature about farm practices & conservation planning to landowners and inform them about farm and open space and	Town office			Х								
5		tree growth plans.												
6		Adopt standards which encourage clustered development designs which maximize the preservation of fields and pastures.	PB,CC		80	Included in Subdiv. Ord. update awaiting approval								
7		Increase and actively manage all town-owned forest land and dedicate the revenues to the conservation land acquisition reserve account	SB				Status unkno	wn						
8		Educate landowners about the water quality and other impacts of poor forestry practices	Unspecified	Х										
9		Monitor logging roads and timber harvesting to determine whether State laws and regulations provide adequate protection for	PB,CEO			Х	Ongoing with	assistance fro	om DEP					
10		Belgrade's watersheds and wildlife.												
11		Amend shoreland zoning to ensure maintenance of vegetative buffers within 75 feet of the normal high water line of all perennial	PB, CC	Х			PB decided n	ot to include i	n SLZ ordinar	nce rewrite, de	efered to DEP	NRPA more li	mited protectio	ons
12		streams												
13		Permit land use activities that support productive agriculture and forestry operations, such as roadside stands, greenhouses, firewood	SB	X			To be address	sed in Land Us	se Ordinance					
14		operations, sawmills, log buying yards, and pick-your-own operations												
15		Include agriculture, commercial forestry, and land conservation that supports them in local economic development planning.	SB	Х			To be address	sed in Land Us	se Ordinance					

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1	Chapter 11 Housing	Recommendations	Who	Not started	In progress (%)	Completed	Comments				
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4		Review subdivision req. and revise any that increase costs without a rational basis.	PB		80		Awaiting Select Board &	voter approval			
5	2	Consider permitting higher densities for multi-family units and cluster development for senior, consistent with open space	PB			Х	Subdivision ordinance allo	ows cluster dev	relopment		
6	3	Maintain the provision permitting addition of one accessory apartment per dwelling unit in growth districts.	CEO			Х	Min. Lot Size ordinance d	oes not prohib	it		
7	4	Encourage or participate in regional initiatives to support a workforce housing committee or regional affordable housing coalition.	TM			Х	TM participates in KVCO	G economic de	evelopment co	mmittee	
8	5	Monitor the construction/addition of new housing units and report annually on whether at least 10% of new residential									
9		development is affordable.	CEO	Х			Not feasible due to lack of housing cost in building permit appli		mit application	1	
10	6	Permit mobile home parks in Growth Districts	PB			Х	ubdivision ordinance allow	vs			

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1 (Ch. 13 Growth	Recommendations	Who	Not started	In progress (%)	Completed	Comments						
2 8	& Development												
3													
4	1	Incorporate the Future Land Use Plan (Ch 14) into new or amended land use ordinances.	PB/SB	х			Work on land use plan has not yet been initiated						
	2	Create and maintain a functional electronic GIS system to track development applications, approvals & compliance for the town.											
6		Incorporate GIS map layers developed as part of the Comp Plan . Maintain and keep updated.	TM/SB/PB	х									
7	3	Conduct a systematic review of existing ordinances. Revise and/or combine in conformance with recommendations of this plan.											
8		a) Assess compliance with Commercial Development Review Ordinance and establish a process for on-going review of compliance	TM/CEO	Х			(5/19/21)						
9		b) Existing requirements for gravel pits (with CDRO) should be reviewed to verify that Belgrade gravel pits are in compliance-	PB			Х	Addressed in CDRO upgrade						
10		particularly the reclamation requirements.											
11		c) Review setback and frontage requirements in all existing ordinances for consisitency and revise as needed.	PB			X	Addressed during SLZ ordinance upgrade						
12		 d) Ensure that ordinances include standards for private roads. 	PB			X	Currently exists for private subdivision roads only						
13		 e) Develop regulatory procedures to ensure that existing septic systems are not polluting lakes and streams. 	PB			X	Completed for SLZ						
14		f) Develop new standards for commercial wind power generation and other over-height structures.	PB			X	Addressed in CDRO upgrade						
15		g) Adopt provisions which ensure open space protection in rural area (ie. Cluster development; open space set asides or contributions	PB/TM		Some progress		Open space protection requirement in subdivision						
16		to the Conservation Land Acquisition Reserve account; incentives such as density bonuses; and transfer of					ordinance, cluster developmnts allowed, no other efforts						
17		development rights.					initiated by Town						
18	4	The town should review/revise/create a job description and performance goals for the CEO as necessary to meet the following goals:	TM/SB			Х	CEO position upgraded to half time						
19		Functions to include:					job description developed, &						
20		a) Providing guidance to developers, builders, and homeowners.					quarterly reports now to SB						
21		b) Identifying and reporting violations and prosecuting violations and administering fees or penalties.											
22		c) Compliance inspections of active permits.			X		Degree of progress uncertain due to lack of performance	measures					
23		d) Completing site inspections before, during , and after development.			Х		Only for Shoreland Zoning ordinance						
24		 e) Investigating citizen complaints and reporting on investigations. 			Х		Degree of progress uncertain due to lack of performance	measures					
25		f) Annual reporting to include accounting of number of compliance inspections and violations found, how resolved, and tracking			X		SB has requested quarterly reports						
26		location and type of permits issued											
27		Explore the possibility of a CEO shared with one or more towns in the Watershed.	TM		X		Exploratory discussions with Rome (5/19/21)						
28		Provide on-going periodic third party oversight/review of code enforcement activities and permitting process.	TM,SB	X									
29 30	7	Undertake a comprehensive compliance review and inspection of existing developments approved under the CDRO since 2001											
30		providing a timeline to come into compliance.	TM. CEO	Х			Not feasible from 2001-2015 due to lack of use of findir	igs of fact by	PB resulting in	inconsistent of	ecisions; feasil	ble 2016+ (5/19/	(21)
31		Prepare "Citizen's Guide" to Town Ordinances and Permit Process to inform and educate the public, developers, and town officials.	TM, PB	X									
32	9	Provide training for Planning Board members on ordinance and permit requirements and processes. Ensure new Planning Board members attend				Х	PB chair requires of all new members						
33		Maine Municipal Association planning board training, or equivalent training.	TM										
34 35	10	Planning Board agendas should be published in advance. Agendas and minutes should be posted on the website in a timely manner.											
35		Records of decisions and permits issued should be filed and indexed.	Office staff			Х							
36	11	Ensure all existing permit approval standards are met by applicants, including phosphorous and storm water control plans to be developed by a Maine											
37		professional engineer, certified geologist, certified soil scientist or other appropriate certified professional.	PB, CEO		50%		Since 2018 expansion of CEO hours to 25 - inspect all p	rojects; best e	est. compliance	approx. 50%	5/19/21)		
38 39	12	The Planning Board and CEO will meet annually with Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to review policies, procedures and to discuss challenges											
39		faced implementing the ordinance.	Begin '16		50%		SB requires CEO to report quarterly; PB meets w/ SB or	n as needed b	asıs				
40 41		Town Manager will attend Planning Board meetings at least once per quarter to evaluate how well it is operating.	TM			X	TM attends most PB mtgs						
41	14	Development of a more complete review checklist, findings of fact and permit templates with project specific and standard conditions of approval	DD	+			Ladadada anticipata CDBO & SLZ "	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	(7/21)			
42 43 44 45		to give the CEO more concrete permit to enforce.	PB		66		Included in revisions to CDRO & SLZ ordinances, Subd	ivision ordina	ance pending (9	////21)			
43		Schedule periodic mtgs w/ Rome, Sidney & other towns as needed to discuss mutual development issues	PB SB. PB.	X									
44	16	Development and present a plan for phased development of the central triangle area (bounded by Routes 27/8 to 11/27) to inlcude consideration of use for town office, recreation, public works, or commercial development.	SB, PB, w/ consultant	t X			Not compared to a la Garage discussion (1999). 1		1				
				u X	50		Not appropriate role for PB since they would likely perm						
46		Ensure permit approval standards met by applicants including visual screening, phosphorous control, storm water mgmgt. & soil erosion	CEO/PB	+	50		CEO able to inspect all projects since 2018 hours increase; best est. compliance is 50% (5/19/21) Some pits were relicensed in 2015: all due for relicensing in 2020 (5/19/21)						
47		Ensure gravel pits in compliance with CDRO	CEO/PB	I	X		Some pits were relicensed in 2015; all due for relicensing	g in 2020 (5/	19/21)	1	1	I	

Recommendations

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Develop land use plan & ordinance implementing goals of Plan SB

Recommended to SB to develop process similar to that used to develop Comp. Plan

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1		Recommendation	Who	Not started	In progress (completed	comments
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4	Ch. 15 Capital investment	Prepare budget annually	ТМ				
5		Recommended Capital investments as listed on page 113	ТМ				