



Recreation doesn't always mean taking it easy. Groups that volunteer to create rain gardens, tree planting, soft trails, and do basic maintenance can help take care of our best places but they still require organization, tools, materials, and staff time to do a great job.

NEW TRADITIONS

The major impact of a comprehensive plan like Garner Forward is to express specific actions that a community can take to reach its goals. This section discusses those recommendations, but also reaches back to make sure that we respect past accomplishments and successes.

The following recommendations, as well as recommendations contained in the Garner Forward Transportation Plan, were all derived from an extensive engagement and staff process designed to identify issues and output potential strategies to address those issues.

During the planning process, five main categories of issues were developed and subsequently refined by the Steering Committee and staff:

- Maintaining Character
- Housing and Living Arrangements
- Commercial Development
- Recreational Opportunities
- Transportation (summarized here and expanded in Transportation Plan)

Each of these five broad sections has an associated vision and several key objectives. The purpose of this chapter of the Comprehensive Plan is to further refine those objectives by: identifying various strategies to achieve objectives; identifying partners; and where applicable suggesting financial strategies and solutions to achieve objectives.

The following section, "Conservation and Land Use," presents the future land use map as well as images used to develop, refine, and represent key concepts learned during the planning process.



Recommendations stemmed from a combination of input from the **public**, **Steering Committee**, and **staff**.