

Natural, Environmental & Scenic Resources

Goal 1: Protect and enhance environmentally significant water bodies in order to minimize adverse impacts due to man-made development.			
	Action-Recommendation	Type of Action	Time Frame
1	Develop regulations to control erosion of the Mettawee and Indian River's stream banks for public safety and health.	Legal	M/L
2	Develop regulations to ensure the integrity of the public water supply by discouraging pollution of the underground aquifer.	Legal	M/L
3	Prohibit inappropriate development within the floodplains of the Mettawee and Indian Rivers for public safety and the protection of the public water supply.	Legal	M/L
4	Work with the Town of Granville, Washington County, and the State of Vermont to develop a regional watershed protection plan.	Policy	M/L
5	Cooperate with the Army Corps of Engineers, the New York State Department of Health, and the Poultney-Mettawee Watershed Partnership to improve the environmental conditions of the Mettawee River for the protection of the public water supply source.	Policy	M/L
6	Regularly maintain and upgrade the Village storm water and wastewater drainage systems to avoid water pollution.	Policy	C
7	Sponsor an annual "River Clean-up Day" to remove litter and debris from the banks of the Mettawee and Indian Rivers.	Program	I
8	Enhance the annual Arbor Day celebration to include the planting of native tree species along riverbanks to control erosion and improve aquatic habitat.	Program	I

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Goal 2: Preserve and enhance the many scenic resources within the Village.			
	Action-Recommendation	Type of Action	Time Frame
1	Inventory and map scenic views within the Village and consider drafting a scenic overlay district with guidelines to protect these areas.	Legal	M
2	Where feasible, bury pre-existing utility wires.	Program	M/L
3	Initiate a program for tree planting along Village streets.	Program	M/L
4	Coordinate with the Town of Granville to form a Scenic Vista Protection Plan.	Policy	M/L
5	Develop sign guidelines to limit the use of signs that detract from the Village's scenic beauty.	Policy/Legal	I

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Goal 3: Preserve and protect areas of open space that are important to the Village for use as public recreational or leisure purposes.			
	Action-Recommendation	Type of Action	Time Frame
1	Conduct an inventory to identify the remaining sensitive natural areas or open spaces in the Village and create a priority list for protecting and managing these areas.	Program	M
2	Preserve and protect areas that serve as important natural drainage channels for floodwater.	Policy/Legal	I
3	Promote local natural resource protection by cooperating with local schools to educate students of the importance of natural areas.	Policy	C
4	Develop strategies to protect the Village's remaining open space including funding sources and partnerships with conservation groups.	Legal/Program	M