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Ensure that the Town of Charlemont improves the quality and accessibility of all of its recreational and historic areas, facilities, and programming for both residents and tourists, including access to the Deerfield River, forests, fields and unbroken trails.		1. Work with the existing Friends of the Charlemont Fairgrounds Committee to restore the grand stand and to develop the fair grounds as a public space. Promote their use for public events like farmers' market, concerts, and communal festivities.		1. Encourage the Parks and Recreation Commission to work with the Friends of the Fairgrounds on an Urban Self Help Application and other grant opportunities to renovate the grandstand.		Select Board and Friends of the Fairground			
				2. Request the Park Commissioners to have regular, posted, and scheduled, public meetings.		Select Board, all other boards and the Friends			
		2. Increase year round recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, especially after school programming for teens.				1. Expand the Park Commission to a Parks and Recreation Commission and increase members from 2 to 5.		Select Board and Town Meeting	
						2. Identify locations to acquire for a Town Beach on the Deerfield River.		Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, and Community Development Committee	
		3. Identify existing trails, which could be promoted in the future.				1. Explore the development of a trail from Charlemont Village to the Fairgrounds.		Parks and Recreation Commission, Friends and Charlemont Development Committee	
						2. Research, categorize, and plot existing trails for identification purposes only.		Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA), Open Space Committee, and Parks and Recreation Commission	
		4. Provide safe and adequate bike and pedestrian path connections in town (e.g. between Charlemont Center and the Fairgrounds and along Zoar Road).				1. Encourage the Select Board to continue to work with Mass Highway on the 2 improvements including pedestrian access and traffic calming.		Select Board and Planning Board	
		5. Assess the status of buildings and structures located within the Charlemont National Historic District and in other areas of town.				1. Create a comprehensive inventory of all of the historical structures near the Charlemont NHD.		Historical Commission	

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Ensure that the Town of Charlemont maintains or improves the quality of its surface and ground waters including the Deerfield River and its associated aquifers, agricultural landscapes, scenic views, and the diversity and integrity of native plants and animals through the conservation of locally important natural and open space resources.		Identify, improve and protect scenic viewsheds, especially along Rt.2 and along the Deerfield River consistent with the Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.		Work together to identify locations along the Deerfield River that could be managed to provide better visibility of the river without increasing the presence of invasive species.		Conservation Commission, Deerfield River Watershed Association, Open Space Committee, Commercial River, Business Operators, Planning Board, the Mohawk Corridor Scenic Byways Committee, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments		
				Implement recommendations of the Deerfield River Impact Committee 2003 Study.		Deerfield River Impact Committee and Select Board		
				Identify the most important viewsheds to protect.		Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, and the Mohawk Corridor Scenic Byways Committee.		
				Identify the funding sources that could be used to protect the most important viewsheds.		Same groups as listed above.		
			Pursue the protection of natural resources including prime farmland soils, active farms, and Priority Habitats within the Deerfield River valley.		Acquire funding to purchase Agricultural Preservation Restrictions and Conservation Restrictions so that more of the town's remaining farmland and Priority Habitats can be conserved for future generations.		State Legislators, Department of Agricultural Resources, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Franklin Land Trust, and the Charlemont Open Space Committee	
					Consider zoning amendments for the Deerfield River valley, which would help protect natural and agricultural resources.		Planning Board	
			Protect from development lands that contain productive farmland, groundwater resources, large blocks of contiguous forestland, wildlife habitat, lands along the Deerfield River, and other environmentally critical unprotected open space.		Appoint a Charlemont Open Space Committee to ensure the successful implementation of the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.		Select Board	
					Meet with and encourage the Finance Committee to resume contribution to the APR match fund every year.		Select Board and Planning Board	
					Contact the Geology Department at UMASS to attract a graduate student to identify the yield of aquifers in town.		Board of Health	
					Seek funding from federal, state, and private sources to protect remaining farm and forestland in town as the opportunities arise.		Franklin Land Trust, State Legislators, Select Board, and Open Space Committee	
					Identify areas of land that contain the most critical resources (prime farmland soils, aquifers, contiguous forests, land that provides public access to the Deerfield River, BioMap core habitat, and Living Waters core habitats (special aquatic habitats)), to enable the town to be able to prioritize which lands would be most important to protect from development were they to become available.		Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, and the Planning Board	
					Put town website URL on Town Sign.		Community Development Committee	
			Support local agriculture to strengthen the long-term viability of agricultural businesses and to help ensure the retention of the town's most significant scenic and historic agricultural landscapes.		Utilize the town website and links to the websites of Shelburne Falls Area Business Association and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to promote agricultural businesses.		Community Development Committee	
					Develop an updated list of all businesses in town.		Community Development Committee	
					Promote locally grown and made products at the Mohawk Trail Visitors Center.		Community Development Committee	
Develop and print a newspaper ad that shows a map of all the businesses in town and what they sell, including farms and wood product manufacturers.						Community Development Committee		

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Ensure that Charlemont maintains its small town rural atmosphere characterized by both rural and village land use patterns, community spirit, affordable housing, and an abundance of recreational opportunities.		Encourage land use and development patterns that preserve rural character, open space, water resources, and agricultural lands in Charlemont.		Amend the town zoning bylaws to promote desirable development patterns.		Planning Board	
				Organize a meeting with Legislators, staff of the Office of Commonwealth Development, and representatives from surrounding towns to discuss how the communities in the region can promote development patterns that sustain the quality of the region's agricultural, natural, cultural, and recreational resources.		The Planning Boards and Open Space Committees of the towns of Charlemont, Colrain, Heath, Shelburne, and Buckland and Franklin Land Trust.	
		Determine the feasibility of an agricultural incentive area, which can be established under the Massachusetts Right to Farm Law, Ch.40L, to protect farmers from rising property taxes, betterment assessments, and nuisance lawsuits.		Ask local farmers to get together to discuss the feasibility of an Agriculture Incentive Area and other methods for strengthening local farm and forest-based business viability.		Planning Board, the Franklin County Regional Planning Board, and the Community Development Committee	
				Produce a workshop on estate planning and intergenerational farm transfer.		Select Board, Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission and the Franklin County Regional Planning Board	
Maintain and promote the village as the economic center of the town.		Pursue the development of the Visitors Center/Museum in Charlemont Center.		Community Development Committee and Select Board			