



What is your vision for the Brookfield 2025 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)?

2015 POCD Goals



Still Relevant



Not Relevant

What are your goals for Brookfield through 2035?

Community

Channel the many talents of Brookfield's residents into endeavors to improve our community through volunteer efforts.



Make Brookfield's commercial corridor an architecturally appealing destination through continued attention to architectural character. Encourage consistent application of architectural standards for commercial projects that results in enhancement of Brookfield's architectural character.



Natural Resources

Improve surface water quality in Brookfield's lakes and streams so that toxic algal blooms or excessive growth of invasive aquatic plants does not inhibit recreational use.



Build awareness of the environment both through educational programs for students as well as educational programs for volunteer commission members.



Develop feasible set of trails some of which connect places people want to go and others that serve more recreational purposes.



Open Space Conservation and Preservation

Determine whether a dog park or a dog play space is needed in Brookfield and select an appropriate location for it.



Promote coordinated management of open space land through the Conservation Commission and private land trusts, Brookfield Open Space Legacy and Weantinoge Land Trust.



Develop an administrative structure, capital investment plan and funding sources to permit the improvement and maintenance of trails and town-owned lands.





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Protecting Historic Resources

Develop a town-wide Historic Preservation Plan.



Retain the charm of Brookfield's mill buildings and historic commercial hub as well as specimen properties, those properties representative of a particular architectural style, in residential districts.



Make the Gurski Homestead a welcoming, safe community space.



Promoting Economic Development

Coordinate the efforts of groups focused on promoting Brookfield business and promote our town through coordinated efforts to bring in new businesses and employers as well as helping existing businesses to grow.



Fully develop Brookfield's commercial corridor in a balanced manner that both broadens the tax base and protects the quiet residential districts that Brookfield is known for.



Housing

Encourage developers to build housing that is affordable to young families and young professionals just beginning their careers.



Encourage developers to build a wide array of housing, in particular housing designed for older, less mobile residents with associated amenities favored by seniors.



Residents of all income levels will be able to find suitable housing in Brookfield whether they are a young family, a newly divorced or widowed individual, a young professional or a couple downsizing while remaining in their home community.





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Community Facilities

Develop a plan for serving the library's current patrons with the current slate of activities as well as expansions to meet growing patron needs and 21st century library functions. Construct a new library that the community will consider as a cultural center of Brookfield, the community's living room, and a destination for cultural, educational and recreational programs.



Meet the needs of community groups for free public space to use.



Upgrade our educational facilities, in particular Huckleberry Hill School and Whisconier Middle School, which have been utilizing portable classrooms, in order to provide high quality education facilities.



Transportation

To improve the visibility of the Four Corners to travelers on Route 7 from both directions to promote businesses in the Four Corners.



Complete the improvements necessary to make the Four Corners area a pedestrian and bike friendly district.



To develop a master plan and strategies for addressing the needs of this section of Federal Road rather than allowing uncoordinated growth.



Alleviate areas of vehicular congestion and address safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists on southern Federal Road.



Improve safety and accessibility for bikers in Brookfield, both recreational users and bike commuters.



Provide support and community feedback to state level decision makers to support extension of commuter rail service to Brookfield and New Milford as priority projects and promote the allocation of state funds for this purpose.





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Utilities

Plan mixed-use village style development and older residential neighborhood upgrades to sanitary systems in a manner that allows future planning for sewage plant capacity.



Revitalizing the Four Corners: Creating a New Downtown

Assess implementation plan for the Four Corners Town Center Revitalization Plan and complete remaining strategies to support developments both public and private to create a new downtown from an historic commercial hub.



2015 POCD Vision (summarized)

Maintain Brookfield's country charm while modernizing and protecting the quiet residential neighborhoods.

Enhance parks and open spaces through recreational opportunities, maintenance, and trail establishment, and improve access to, enjoyment of, and water quality in the Still River, Candlewood and Lillinonah Lakes.

Increase the tax base through economic growth in existing mixed-use, commercially, and industrially zoned areas. Make the most of Brookfield's highly educated workforce to promote new economy and industry.

Provide a diversity of housing suitable for young families and professionals and aging residents who would like to stay in town.

Focus development in areas with public infrastructure including sewer, water, and transportation access. Encourage a multi-modal transportation system through improvements to roads, sidewalks, bicycle routes, and public transit.

Create a pedestrian friendly village at the Four Corners (intersection of Whisconier Road and Federal Road.)

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