

6. Explore community interest in having a teen activity program. Incorporate community awareness and stewardship ideas within it.

A teenage activities program should be studied and assessed, including identifying town resources outside the Bonnet Shores community. To begin the process, investigate the number of teenagers living in Bonnet Shores, and determine whether they have adequate access to other programs within the Town of Narragansett.

Interest in a community program can then be evaluated, as well as the types of events that could be held, and the costs for such a program. If a need for a teen program and a strong interest is evident, steps should be taken to develop one. A program can include a monthly events calendar, special event programs, daily or weekly meetings, and after school or weekend gatherings.

If there are adequate services for teens in the Town of Narragansett, the Fire District can encourage community teens to become involved there. For those teen activities outside of Bonnet Shores requiring transportation and/or funding, the Council should develop a budget for providing assistance.



Parking is a major concern for residents, A sticker system allows monitoring and enforcement.

7. Develop a Traffic Calming education program.

Work with the Town to change stop signs on Treasure and Camden Streets from east/west to north/south orientations.

Develop a Fire Warden assistance program with speed and parking controls.

Initiate a resident sticker system to allow monitoring of traffic and parking.

Develop appropriate signage for speed control and entry points - use the word "private" in all signs. Promote pedestrian safe roads.

State law allows the Fire District to draft ordinances, impose fines, and create health and safety organizations, such as a security force. The Council should review existing ordinances regarding road safety to determine if they are adequate to achieve defined objectives. If they are found to be inadequate, new ordinances should be drafted.

The Council will work with the Town to strengthen patrols of the roadways, initiate traffic calming measures, and enforce traffic safety regulations.

The Council should publish and distribute the ordinances and fine schedules to all Bonnet Shores property owners, residents, and renters.

It should also initiate an internal policing system, either by reviving the role of fire wardens or by creating a police patrol for security enforcement.

The Fire District should also work with the Town in encouraging traffic calming through sign changes on major through roads. The Council should ask the Town to study where additional STOP signs, DO NOT ENTER signs, and PRIVATE signs should be located to curb speeding and unwanted through traffic on Town roads.

Property owners, residents, and renters can be made aware of road safety regulations and penalties through public announcements, meetings, and special mailings.

8. Work with Town, Coastal Resources Management Council, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management on the Bonnet Point Road improvement plan, including new culverts.

Continue agreement on maintaining the herring run for Wesquage Pond.

Continue to develop a joint management approach to minimize management expenses to the Fire District.

Many state, local and federal agencies have the funding and expertise to help preserve the pond and its surrounding area. The Council must work with these agencies to preserve Wesquage Pond, restore the herring run, prevent storm water run-off contamination, and reconstruct Bonnet Point Road to both curb flooding and improve its aesthetics.

Wesquage Pond is a special aesthetic and environmental resource for the community. Recognizing this fact, the

Council, must be proactive in its preservation. The Army Corps of Engineers is actively studying the pond area. If it is found to be a worthy project, the Corps will begin renovating the culverts and roadway.

The Council should appoint a local liaison to maintain contact with the Corps of Engineers and other relevant agencies involved in the preservation and rehabilitation of Wesquage Pond. The Council then can be the primary information source for residents and property owners.



9. Develop Beach Bus Pass to control access.

For many years the District has provided residents with easy access to its beaches via the Beach Bus. A pass system will identify Bonnet Shores residents, renters, and their guests. The pass can be in the form of stickers, buttons, wristbands, or ID cards that will be presented to the bus driver as proof of residency. In this way, those from outside the community will be prevented from using the bus.

The Council can form a committee to develop the Beach Bus Pass program or can delegate the task to an existing committee. Every effort should be made to create a cost-effective, easily-managed program to provide taxpayers and resident with an annual pass.

The Beach Bus Pass program should be administered through the District Manager's office.

10. Improve the capital improvement budget process and plan for all Master Plan phases.

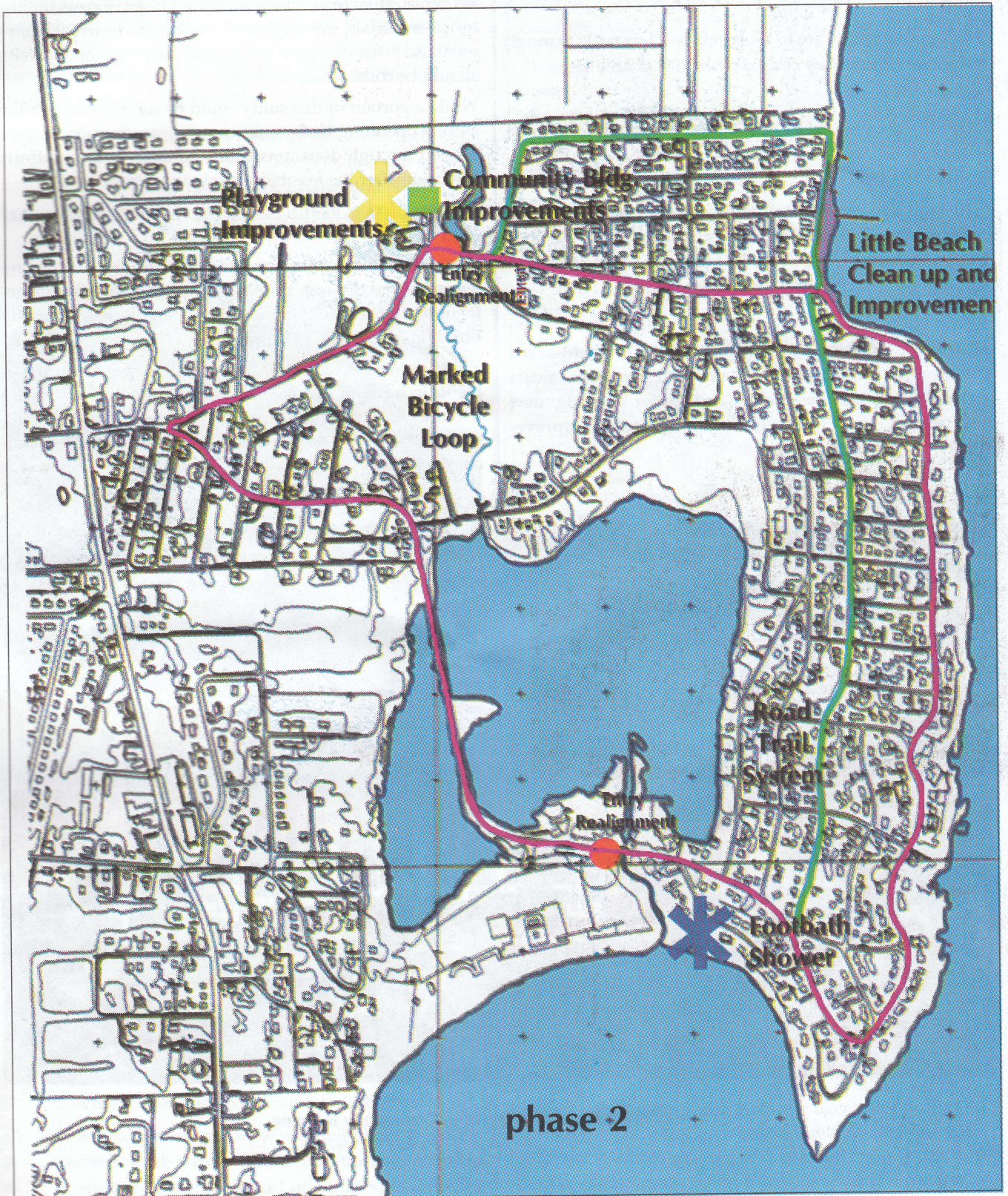
Implementation of the capital components of the Master Plan should be guided through the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee should recommend projects to consider for implementation each year.

The Planning Committee should recommend that the Council assign detailed research to the appropriate committee to determine probable implementation costs. For example, if new summer camp equipment is proposed, the Planning Committee will recommend that the Recreation Committee develop a feasible plan and cost analysis for its acquisition and use.

Once the cost of a capital improvement project has been developed by the responsible committee, the Planning Committee will review and forward to the Council. The Council will then develop and public informational process that may include public meetings, surveys to take into consideration public comment before approving the project.

The Council will decide which projects to fund in any given year based on the cost analysis and the availability of funds. Projects may be funded in their entirety or in phases, and can be approved or rejected as separate items.

Phase 2
Capital Improvements



11. Continue the development of a walking/hiking trail system that would take advantage of preserved open space and environmental amenities, such as Wesquage Pond.

The improvements are to be developed primarily through volunteer community construction and maintenance.

Open space preserved by the Bonnet Shores Land Trust, the Rhode Island Audubon Society and others are essential in preserving community character.

The trail system continuation should be developed through a feasibility study to determine costs and environmental impact of more trails. This project should be funded through fund-raising and open space or other grants.

12. Prepare a feasibility study for the enhancement of the Community Building and its site. These enhancements could include porches, decks, an interior upgrade, new furnishings, new lighting, and playground improvements.

Conduct a feasibility study on the condition and possible improvements to the Community Building and its support facilities, including the playground and ball fields. Administrative requirements, storage, display areas for historical materials, meeting space, condition of current equipment and furnishings, structural integrity, and safety should be considered.

While a portion of this study could be funded through the annual operating budget, design and construction may be funded through donations and fund-raising. These efforts can begin after the feasibility study is approved.

Porches, decks, additional doors, interior upgrade, and lighting

If the feasibility study concludes that improvements are warranted or desired, the Council should assign management of detailed design and construction to a Community Building Improvement Committee.

This Committee should recommend the specific improvements to be made, oversee the design process, develop bid documents, gather all pertinent information concerning construction costs and time frame, and prepare the overall project budget.



Possible exterior enhancements to Community Building

Playground improvements

The Council can either assign the playground improvement project to the Community Building Committee or to the Recreation Committee for research and budget analysis. The ball field, playground facility, and equipment improvements could be studied in conjunction with the Community Building analysis.

Replacing, eliminating, or purchasing new equipment must consider the number of summer campers, non-camp users, and current code requirements for playground equipment.

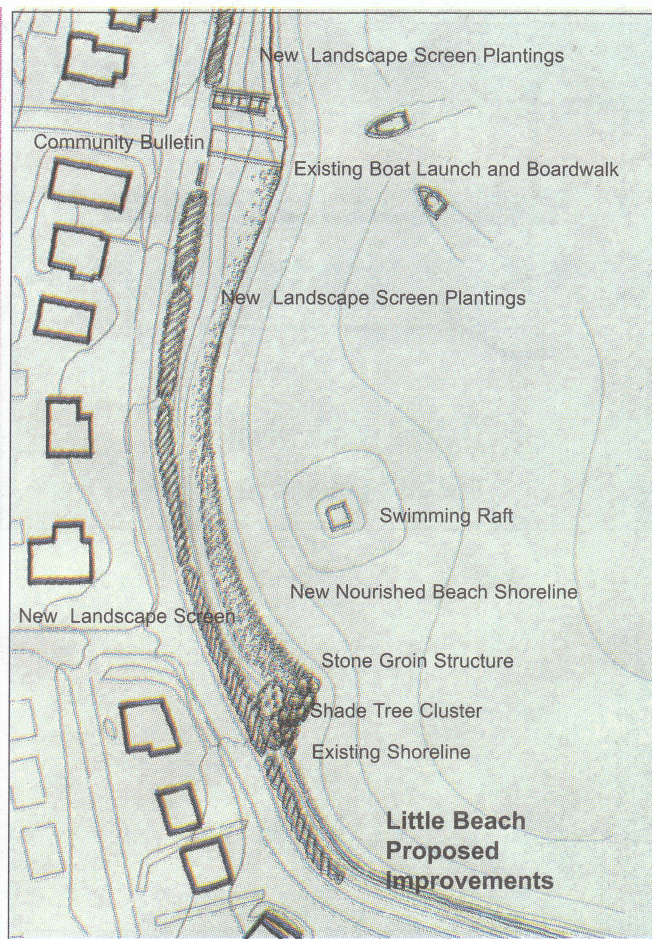
The cost of these improvement may be covered through a special fundraising effort.



13. Clean-up Little Beach - undertake a sand nourishment program, add landscape plantings, and consider a swimming raft.

Little Beach's exposure to Narragansett Bay and the ocean make it susceptible to storm erosion. The URI Coastal Resources Center is a valuable resource and can advise the Council in the restoration and cleanup of Little Beach.

An early action item suggests the planting of hardy, native plant species to curb wind erosion. A platform and benches for passive recreation at both Little and Kelly Beaches can be constructed as community civic spaces.



14. Explore feasibility of adding a foot-bath spigot at Kelly Beach.

If a study of the need and cost of a foot-bath at Kelly Beach finds it is a desired improvement, the Council should apply for permits from the appropriate state agencies.

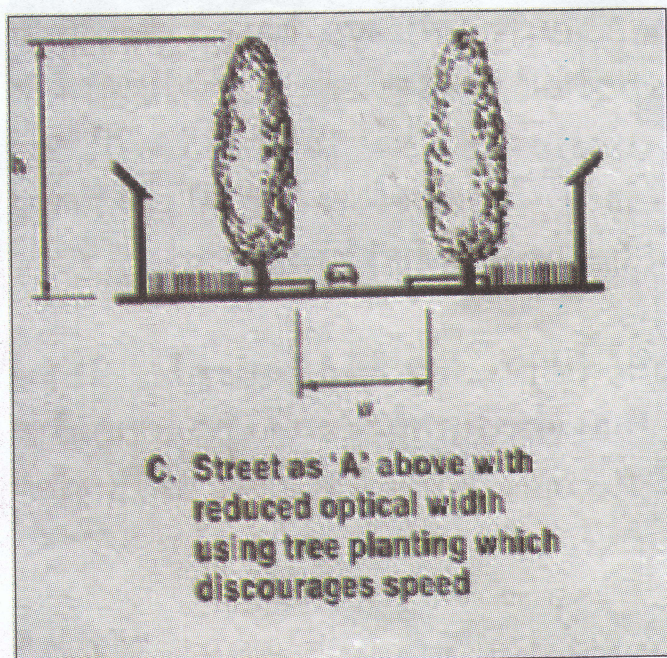
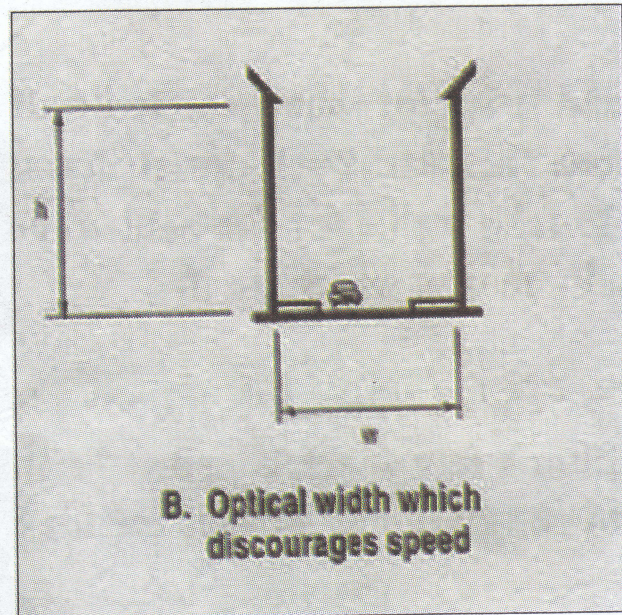
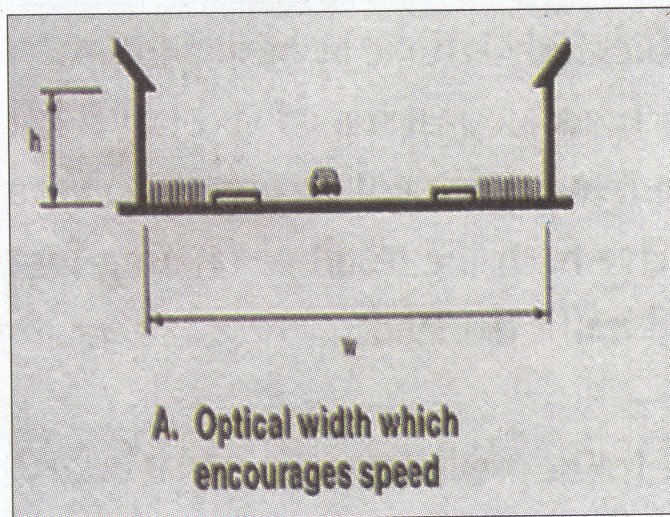
15. Conduct a traffic calming engineering / design study.

With Town support install traffic-calming devices including: grated concrete area at entrance to Bonnet entry, neck-downs, and gateposts for a private feeling at the Bonnet entry, Bonnet Point and Bonnet Shores Roads.

Designate pedestrian lanes and rights of way.

Locate new bike racks at both Little Beach and Kelly Beach.

The roads at Bonnet Shores are narrow and winding. This condition will dictate remedies for traffic problems. Narrower vehicular ways, the addition of pedestrian rights-of-way and improved signage are key to calming traffic and improving safety. The Council should retain a firm specializing in traffic calming design and engineering to study and report on traffic issues. Their report should contain community input and propose solutions and their probable costs.



Traffic Calming Principles

From a report by the Devon (UK) County Council, 1991

Phase 3
Capital Improvements and
Program Development

16. Work with the Town of Narragansett on consideration of wastewater treatment program for the Bonnet Point areas.

The Council must jointly decide with the Town when and where sewer extensions will be installed.

It is recommended that sewer extensions be limited to the Bonnet Point and Bonnet Shores Beach Club areas, and that the wetland area north of the Community building remain un-sewered.

A liaison should be appointed by the Council to serve as the point -person and informational contact between the Town and the taxpayers.

Residents and property owners should be informed of changes in Town policy concerning sewers, cost of individual hook-ups, and how the sewer extensions may impact density in the community.

The liaison and the Council will inform the community via the community website, printed material, and informational public meetings.