

Responses to State Comments, submitted on behalf of the Comprehensive Plan Review Team

Letter dated March 20, 2017, from Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Maine Forest Service

- Confirm information on land in Tree Growth Program
 - Staff has double checked the information on land in the Tree Growth Program with the Assessor, and we believe the information included in the draft plan is accurate as of the date it was drafted. I have included a spreadsheet with 2016 Tree Growth Program information that is generally consistent with the 2014 Tree Growth Program numbers in the Plan.
- Add timber harvesting Best Management Practices language
 - Suggested wording was added in the Agriculture and Forestry Chapter in the Current “Steps to protect Farming and Forestry in Windham, Regulatory” section
- Add Summary of Timber Harvest Information
 - The table supplied by MFS was included in the Agriculture and Forestry Chapter in a new section called “Timber Harvest Information” in Conditions & Trends.

Maine Natural Areas Program

- Clarify page numbering.
 - Page numbering has been addressed so that the page numbers match the PDF numbering. There is now only one table of contents for the document.
- Suggested re-writes for Wildlife and Plant Habitats
 - Edits have been included as suggested.
- Add higher resolution maps into final document
 - All Town mapping products are now included at a higher resolution for better printing and electronic viewing.

Letter dated April 7, 2017, from the Department of Environmental Protection

- Add information on 3 additional great Ponds – Chaffin, Mill and Tarkill.
 - These ponds were added to the bulleted list of great ponds, and all lake surface areas were checked against the surface waters listed for Windham at www.lakesofmaine.org
- The noted size of Highland Lake is not consistent though the document, need to clarify
 - Corrected in several locations.
- Note current Water Quality Status of Lakes and Ponds
 - Additional detail added to existing Highland Lake discussion as suggested.
 - NPS Priority Watersheds wording added in the Water Quality and Protection, Non-point sources section.
- Add information on Invasive Aquatic Plants in Town
 - Information added in new “Aquatic Invasive Plants” section in the Water Quality and Protection Section.

- Add information related to Presumpscot River
 - Information added, including the recent 2017 reorganization and combination of the Windham Land Trust and the Presumpscot River Watch organizations into the existing Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. This single organization will carry on the work of land conservation and water quality monitoring in the watershed.
- Correct wording related to the watershed based plan for the Pleasant River
 - Corrected.
- Note additional partners in managing water quality in Windham.
 - A “Voluntary and Non-Profit Partners” section has been added after the “Regulatory Protection” section.

Letter dated April 7, 2017, from Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

- Differentiate between Significant Wildlife Habitats and the habitats of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species.
 - These sections have been separated for clarity.
- Move Vernal Pool information from Wetlands section of the plan to Animal and Plant Habitats section.
 - This section has been moved and expanded to describe the difference between a vernal pool and a state-regulated Significant Vernal Pool as well as the town-wide survey of potential vernal pools on willing property owner’s land in 2009 and 2010.
- Add information on bat species to Rare, Endangered & Threatened Animals section.
 - Information added as suggested.
- Add consideration for passage and habitat connectivity when installing culverts or other crossing structures.
 - The suggested wording has been added to the Transportation Chapter analysis.
- Reformat BWH maps so that cropping is not necessary.

Letter dated April 13, 2017, from Department of Transportation

- Correct noted classification of Route 302
 - This has been corrected to note that MaineDOT classifies Route 302 as a principal arterial, not a minor arterial.
- Ensure that Transportation Infrastructure Map is included in the chapter as noted, so that Traffic Volumes and Crash Data are displayed.
 - The duplicate Transportation Infrastructure Map has been replaced with the Transportation Safety Map.
- Clarify the “rank” for crash data included in the table.
 - The Rank column was removed as it did not add value or context to the list of High Crash Locations within the town.
- Change dates for State Road Projects that reflect the 2016-2018 work plan data, which was the set used in the plan.
 - Dates changed.