

Fiscal Capacity

State Goal: *To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.*

Town Goal:

Policy	Strategy	Responsible Parties	Timeline	Budget
<i>It is the policy of the town to actively seek new non-tax sources of revenue and other methods of offsetting the costs of increased growth and development.</i>	Require that developments which would create an unreasonable burden on Town services be built in phases which parallel planned expansion of municipal facilities as provided in the town's Capital Improvements Plan.	Planning Board, Town Council	Short Term	N/A
	Include in the Subdivision Ordinance provisions to allow the town to require that developers participate in the provision or expansion of public facilities to service the development.	Planning Board, Town Council	Short Term	\$
	Evaluate the town's fee, permit and license structure to ensure prices are in line with similar communities regionally and are consistent with the cost of providing services.	Town Council, CEO, Staff	Short Term	\$
	Investigate collaborative purchase of materials and equipment with adjoining towns and through SMPDC's collaborative purchase program.	Town Council, RPO, Staff	Long Term	\$\$
	Stay updated on new federal and state grant programs that would be suitable for community projects and needs.	Town Council, Staff	Ongoing	N/A
<i>It is the policy of the town to maintain a responsible tax rate</i>	Fund long term capital expenditures through bonding	Town Council, Staff	Ongoing	N/A

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<i>which is consistent with maintaining the current levels of service.</i>	Follow an annually updated 5-10 year Capital Improvements Plan for large purchases, projects and the implementation of town plans.	Town Council, Staff	Ongoing	N/A
	Decrease Town reliance on property tax to the maximum extent possible.	Town Council, Staff	Ongoing	N/A

Timeline Key

Immediate = 2-3 years

Short Term = 5-8 years

Long Term = 10-15 years

Ongoing = Begin as possible, maintain ongoing

Budget Key

N/A = Does not necessarily have a cost component

\$ = One budget cycle, maybe mid-cycle allocation

\$\$ = One budget cycle, budgeted ahead of time

\$\$\$ = Two to three budget cycles

\$\$\$\$ = three or more budget cycles, maybe a reserve account