

Vermont Municipal Plan Requirements
[24 VSA §4382]

(A) A plan for a municipality may be consistent with the goals established in section 4302 of this title and compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region and with the regional plan and shall include the following:

- (1) A *statement of objectives, policies and programs* of the municipality to guide the future growth and development of land, public services and facilities, and to protect the environment.
- (2) A *land use plan*, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective land uses, indicating those areas proposed for forests, recreation, agriculture, residence, commerce, industry, public semi-public uses and open spaces reserved for flood plain, wetland protection, or other conservation purposes; and setting forth the present and prospective location, amount, intensity and character of land uses and the appropriate timing or sequence of land development activities in relation to the provision of necessary community facilities and services
- (3) A *transportation plan*, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective transportation and circulation facilities showing existing and proposed highways and streets by type and character of improvement and where pertinent, parking facilities, transit routes, terminals, bicycle paths and trails, scenic roads, airports, railroads and port facilities, and other similar facilities or uses, with indications of priority and need.
- (4) A *utility and facility plan*, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective community facilities and public utilities showing existing and proposed educational, recreational and other public sites, buildings and facilities, including hospitals, libraries, power generating plants and transmission lines, water supply, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, storm drainage and other similar facilities and services with indications of priority of need, costs and methods of financing.
- (5) A *statement of policies on the preservation of rare and irreplaceable natural areas, scenic and historic features and resources*.
- (6) An *educational facilities plan* consisting of a map and statement of present and projected uses and the local public school system.
- (7) A recommended *program for the implementation* of the development plan.
- (8) A *statement indicating how the plan relates to development trends and plans for adjacent municipalities, areas and the region* developed under this title.
- (9) An *energy plan*, including an analysis of energy resources, needs, scarcities, costs and problems within the municipality, a statement of policy on the conservation of energy, including programs, such as thermal integrity standards for buildings, to implement that policy, a statement of policy on the development of renewable energy resources, a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy.
- (11) A *housing element* that shall include a recommended program for addressing low and moderate income persons housing needs as identified by the regional planning

commission. The program may include provisions for conditionally permitted accessory apartments within or attached to single family residences which provide affordable housing in close proximity to cost-effective care and supervision for relatives or disabled or elderly persons.

(B) The *maps* called for by this section may be incorporated on one or more maps, and may be referred to in each separate statement called for by this section.

(C) Where appropriate, and to further the purposes of Section 4302 (goals) of this title, *a municipal plan shall be based upon inventories, studies, and analyses of current trends* and shall consider the probable social and economic consequences of the proposed plan. Such studies may consider or contain, but not be limited to:

- (1) *Population characteristics and distribution*, including *income* and *employment*.
- (2) The *existing and projected housing needs* by amount, type, and location for all economic groups within the municipality or region.
- (3) *Existing and estimated patterns and rates of growth* in the various land use classifications, and *desired patterns and rates of growth* in terms of the community's ability to finance and provide public facilities and services.