

1 **Summary of Changes to the Conservation Element**

2 A draft of the Conservation Element was prepared by the Master Plan Committee over the
3 course of approximately one year. This DRAFT was submitted for input by the Environmental
4 Commission. In addition, feedback was sought and provided on this DRAFT by the Town
5 Engineer, the Planning Board Engineer and Professional Planner.

6 This DRAFT Conservation Element is proposed to replace the final December 10, 2013
7 Conservation Element.

8 Highlights of changes to the 2013 Conservation Element include the following:

- 9 1. Reorganized sections of the Element to be consistent with overall Master Plan
- 10 formatting changes, including a Sub-Element for Stormwater Management;
- 11 2. Added sections on the Township’s Natural Resource Inventory Overview, including new
- 12 sections on the geology, topography, wetlands and water resources;
- 13 3. Updated key challenges the Township must face in protecting its natural resources; and,
- 14 4. Updated and consolidated a list of recommendations.

15 **Update Feb 2019**

16 This version includes:

- 17 1. initial comments from Long Hill Environmental Commission.
- 18 2. New Key Challenge/Recommendation re insects
- 19 3. Track changes shows updates but those changes that resulted in a deletion have been
- 20 “accepted” so will not show.

21 **Update Mar 2019**

22 This version includes:

- 23 1. Updates from MPC meeting on 3/6/19 with Long Hill Environmental Commission Chair
- 24 Terry Carruthers present
- 25 2. Changes that were accepted at the 3/6/19 meeting plus new text added (see track
- 26 changes).
- 27 3. New item
- 28 a. Terry Carruthers to provide a summarized version of the Energy Efficiency
- 29 document for possible inclusion in this Element. (DONE)
- 30 • 4/3 MPC: Create an Energy Element with TC & PB agreement

31 **Update Apr 2019**

32 This version includes changes as discussed at the MPC meetings of 4/4/17 and 4/17/19

Update for May 1st MPC meeting

Added/Modified as shown with “Track Changes” largely based upon Public & Board comment at the Planning Board meeting of 4/18/19.

Update from May 1/15 MPC meetings

- 33 1. Accepted “track changes” (prior version Lines 12, 17-25, 185-190 (old growth), 218, 243)
34 2. Added details on Contaminated Sites (New Recommendation 14 & within “Background”)

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37 **Update from June 5 MPC meeting**

- 38 1. Modified “Background” introduction (line 27)
39 2. Removed Dates in ‘Background’ subheadings and a couple of minor wordsmithing
40 changes
41 3. Accepted insertion of “**Environmental Contamination**” (lines 46-56)
42 4. Accepted Recommendation #14 (line 274)
43 5. Added ‘Background’ section on the “**Asbestos Dump Superfund site**” per Kathy O’Leary
44 6. Added a number of inserts, largely verbatim, per Kathy O’Leary’s document/discussion
45 7. **To Do:** Kathy to add section on Stirling Lake

46 **Update from Aug 7 MPC meeting**

The following includes suggested changes from the June and July MPC meetings. Those changes that we discussed at the 8/7 meeting are left with track change on to highlight recent discussion.

- 47 1. In regards to Kathy’s additions, some have been:
48 a. accepted
49 b. refined/deleted (accepted and then deleted to “track change”)
50 c. placed in the back ‘Appendix – Background’ for use elsewhere
51 d. left in but require professional planner assistance to determine best course of
52 action for he subject matter
53 2. Any minor wordsmithing has not been ‘track changed’
54 3. **To Do:** Final review of Conservation Recommendations and Stormwater Management
55 Sub Element

56 **Update from Aug 21 MPC meeting**

This version has the adds/deletes accepted from the 8/8/19, and most comments removed, to create a new “baseline”. The baseline has ‘track changes’ on to show further changes as discussed on 8/21/19.

57 **Update from Sep 4 MPC meeting**

58 This version had all the adds/deletes accepted from the 8/23/19 version with more comments
59 removed to create a new “baseline”. This version has track changes to reflect meeting
60 discussion of 9/4/19.

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63 **Update from Sep 18 MPC meeting**

64 This version had all the adds/deletes accepted from the post 9/4/19 meeting version. This
65 version has track changes to reflect meeting discussion of 9/18/19 with particular focus on the
66 Stormwater Sub Element.

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68 **Update from Oct 2 MPC meeting**

69 This version had all the adds/deletes accepted from the 10/2/19 meeting version in preparation
70 as final draft for Topology.

71 *Post meeting edit: Modified the sentence starting line 258 and ending on line 260 (without track*
72 *change).*