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According to RSA 674:2, III, the Master Plan may include the following sections:

“... an implementation section, which is a long range action program of specific actions, time frames, allocation of responsibility for actions, description of land development regulations to be adopted, and procedures which the municipality may use to monitor and measure the effectiveness of each section of the plan.”

In terms of the recommended implementation section, the Town of Bridgewater felt it was important to create detailed actions that will put the new master plan into action. This Chapter will enable the Bridgewater Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to oversee the completion of the implementation actions of this master plan. Each of these actions was assigned a responsible party to assist with future evaluation of the progress on these tasks. A chapter reference has also been included to tie these actions back to their corresponding chapters. This section of the master plan is dynamic and should be reviewed and modified after one year to measure the progress.

<i>Implementation Action</i>	<i>Primary Agencies</i>	<i>Chapter Reference</i>
Promote resource protection in the community.	Planning Board, Conservation Commission	Chapter 2
Foster a village development pattern on Route 3A.	Planning Board	Chapter 2
Accommodate residential development using innovative development options,	Planning Board	Chapter 2
Create voluntary design guidelines for non-residential development.	Planning Board	Chapter 2
Create a plan and increase efforts to secure conservation easements on land with significant ecological features.	Conservation Commission, Planning Board	Chapter 3
Evaluate future zoning districts based on the land capability of the area being included and the desired development pattern.	Planning Board	Chapter 3
Promote education and enforcement initiatives in Bridgewater related to the State Shoreland Protection Regulations	Board of Selectmen, Planning Board	Chapter 3
Consider partnering with other organizations to routinely monitor the quality of existing water resources and prevent the infestation of invasive species	Conservation Commission	Chapter 3

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Promote good forestry practices by requiring use of licensed foresters and registered loggers on timber harvests greater than five acres.	Board of Selectmen, Planning Board	Chapter 3
Conduct an inventory of scenic resources and viewsheds within the community to guide the protection of key parcels within the identified scenic viewsheds. Provide guidelines for new development in these areas.	Planning Board, Conservation Commission	Chapter 3
Require professional evaluation of subdivision proposals of more than ten acres with special reference to the USDA Grafton County Soils Survey (1999) and the Aquifer (Groundwater) Survey of 1998.	Planning Board	Chapter 3
Consider adopting technology specific guidelines for the siting of windfarms in Bridgewater	Planning Board	Chapter 3
Create a plan and increase efforts to protect properties with significant cultural and historic features	Bridgewater Historical Society, Planning Board	Chapter 3
Provide designation of historic sites	Old Home Day Association, and Bridgewater Historical Society.	Chapter 3
Work with abutting landowners to establish conservation easements on lands around the Town House	Bridgewater Historical Society, Conservation Commission	Chapter 3
Begin to plan for services that will be required by a larger elderly population	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 4
Ensure that Bridgewater's regulations provide opportunities for a diverse mix of housing unit types that can accommodate the changing composition of Bridgewater's households.	Planning Board	Chapter 4
Establish regulations that promote the construction of quality workforce housing units in the community.	Planning Board	Chapter 4
Work with developers to minimize the costs of living through quality housing design, energy efficient construction, and proximity to transportation options.	Planning Board	Chapter 4

<i>Implementation Action</i>	<i>Primary Agencies</i>	<i>Chapter Reference</i>
Work to maintain seasonal road access to the Town House while maintaining the rural nature of Hammond Hill Road, Poole Hill Road, and Bridgewater Hill Road.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 5
Develop construction and maintenance standards for the Highway Department and outside contractors to follow.	Board of Selectmen, Highway Department	Chapter 5
Develop a snow removal and salt/sand application management plan for Bridgewater.	Board of Selectmen, Highway Department	Chapter 5
Design roadway improvements and future road construction to control the flow of traffic and the number of access points to the roadway.	Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Planning Board	Chapter 5
Include provisions for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the zoning and subdivision regulations.	Planning Board	Chapter 5
Apply for Transportation Enhancement Funds for the construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths in key locations	Planning Board, Board of Selectmen	Chapter 5
Consider allowing mixed-use development when adopting changes to Bridgewater's land use regulations.	Planning Board	Chapter 5
Involve the Highway Department in the preservation of a hierarchy of streets in Bridgewater.	Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Planning Board	Chapter 6
Pursue the consolidation of public safety staff.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 6
Continue the writing and circulation of the Selectmen's newsletter	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 6
Continue the use of public communication by public officials using newspapers that have local distribution.	Board of Selectmen, Planning Board	Chapter 6
Develop a Wide Area Network which would include upgrading the Town website	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 6
Schedule Planning Board informational sessions twice each year	Planning Board	Chapter 6
Promote education and enforcement initiatives in Bridgewater related to Town and State regulations.	Board of Selectmen, Planning Board	Chapter 6
Continue to keep and manage the Town's long term debt.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 6
Create a Town Beach on Newfound Lake.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 7

<i>Implementation Action</i>	<i>Primary Agencies</i>	<i>Chapter Reference</i>
Continue to develop the Town Forest and Sawhegenet Park as improved recreational facilities with parking, marked trails, and picnic facilities.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 7
Create a trail network/greenway plan for the entire town that identifies future trail connections and properties to be protected.	Planning Board, Conservation Commission	Chapter 7
Educate landowners about the benefits of leaving lands open to the public, and the liability protections provided by existing laws.	Conservation Commission	Chapter 7
Ensure that recreational opportunities are available to the elderly population and those with disabilities.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 7
Visit Bridgewater's existing recreational facilities annually to determine if improvements are necessary.	Board of Selectmen	Chapter 7