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**SOUTH KINGSTOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN FIVE-YEAR UPDATE**

The Town of South Kingstown is embarking on a project to update its Comprehensive Community Plan. The South Kingstown Comprehensive Community Plan is a policy document that articulates goals, policies and implementation strategies to address issues related to land use, circulation, housing, public services and facilities, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation and relationships to institutional uses. The Comprehensive Plan provides the policy foundation for the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The Town's current plan was approved by the State of Rhode Island on June 20, 2005, State Law requires communities to update their plans every five years, (Rhode Island General Laws Title 45, Chapter 22.2).

The project will be administered by the South Kingstown Planning Department with assistance from our consultant, the Horsley Witten Group of Providence, Rhode Island. As part of this process a project website has been established; the website may be accessed via the following link: www.horsleywitten.com/skingstown. Over the course of the update project the website will provide information and updates on news, events, meetings, public workshops, documents and presentations. Members of the public can register to receive e-mail updates and notices relating to upcoming meetings, etc.

The Town is also conducting a survey of public attitudes relating to land use and development issues in the community. All interested parties are urged to take the time to complete the anonymous survey. The survey results will help to shape the goals and policies of the plan. The survey may be accessed online through the project website (see above link), as hardcopy at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 180 High Street, Neighborhood Guild, 325 Columbia Street, South Kingstown Senior Center, 25 St. Dominic Savio Road, or at the Peace Dale Library 1057 Kingstown Road or by contacting the South Kingstown Planning Department (789-9331 x1244).

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