West Warwick Comprehensive Plan Update
Results from March 15 Public Forum

Visioning Exercise

For me, West Warwick is…	**In 2025, it will be…**
Home	My children's future
Opportunity	Small town model
Has been the perfect place to raise my child	The perfect place for my son to raise his kids
Potential	Successful
Welcoming + Diverse	Be more vibrant
A good town with a bad reputation. It needs to be promoted better.	In trouble if it does not consolidate some services, improve roads and overall appearance to promote a healthier tax base.
	Hopefully home to more small businesses
A very tight, family oriented community	A shame to see absentee landlords create unsightly neighborhoods. It appears to be getting out of control in some areas.
Home	Even better
Home for the past 26 years. My husband's family are all WW folks. Our children are 4th generation WW residents. We care about the town, the community, its reputation	35 years I have lived in WW. I hope the town will continue to grow, prosper and provide residents with good services.

Feedback Exercise

I want to know…	I want you to know…
There are changes in some of the maps especially in recreation areas. Less open space areas due to continued construction and development of housing, Very little open space. Very concerning.	The town is so built up with housing that there is not much open space left at all. We have beautiful rivers and very little water access to natural beauty.
What are the economic changes W.W. has seen since the last plan? Anything that correlates to the previous plan?	No visible recreational fishing access…
I like the ideas of creating links between the green spaces. Bike paths. The bike path we have needs repair. Is this Town or State responsibility?	We have space behind the High School that can be utilized for more recreational fields. All of our rec baseball/softball + soccer teams are always looking for more practice fields.
Are there adequate recreation and transportation services available for the elderly? Are there services and information available readily for young and single mothers?	
How economically feasible are some of these goals? Some of the recreation areas are outdated.	I learned about some of the hidden passive recreation areas. Improve curb appeal, enforce zoning violations, maintain recreation areas. Bike path maintenance, erosion, vandalism. Open up river access! Promote mill development.
Does the Phenix Bike Path exist?	Utility maps are not entirely accurate.
Some of the goals are outdated. Goals should be more specific and attainable.	The majority of the Town is developed. Very little remaining O.S.
Info was clear. Looking to improve the current fields we have. We are losing kids to other towns because of our fields.	Sports has always been a positive image for W.W.
	Some of the goals have been met. Some partially addressed.

Data Walk

Questions identified on the Maps:

- Payan Street Playground no longer exists – it is a childcare center.
- Quinn Field doesn't exist either.
- Harris Avenue School has no green space – all paved.
- Does Quinn Field exist?
- Crompton Vets football and baseball fields are not identified.

Prioritization Exercise

Natural and Cultural Resources

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To ensure that current and future development does not adversely affect natural or cultural resources of West Warwick, and that environmentally sensitive areas are protected.	2
2	To preserve biological diversity by identifying, preserving, and managing state and federally-listed rare, endangered, and threatened plant and animal species and unique natural communities.	
3	To ensure that air quality in West Warwick meets national ambient air quality standards and maintains air quality levels in the Town higher than these standards.	
4	To identify and preserve West Warwick's historic sites, structures, documents, and artifacts as representations of the Town's cultural heritage.	3
5	To promote an appreciation for and understanding of West Warwick's historic resources.	

Any Other Priorities?

- Invasive plant ordinance. Get rid of them!
- Non-indigenous tree species are not doing well…
- Riverpoint area noxious odors
- River more accessible and clean
- Public fishing access (1 vote)
- Make river more accessible to canoe, kayaking. *Promote, clean bike path. Repair erosion, fences (2 votes)

Recreation and Open Space

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To plan for recreation, conservation, and open space within a comprehensive approach, and with consideration of the development trends of the community.	5
2	To provide park and recreation facilities and programs which will meet the passive and active recreational needs of West Warwick's residents in an efficient and well-organized manner.	13
3	Ensure that open space is retained as a resource for active and passive recreation opportunities, while also providing protections for the physical and natural environment.	4
4	To preserve biological diversity by identifying, preserving, and managing state and federally-listed rare, endangered, and threatened plant and animal species and unique natural communities.	0

Notes

- Three people identified #2 as their first choice and #1 and their second choice
- One person put a "?" next to #4

Any Other Priorities?

- Preserve West Warwick country club and viewshed
- Pocket parks, bike friendly roads
- Sidewalk improvements
- Batting cages at Riverpoint
- Improving the quality of our recreational fields in important. Riverpoint Fields in particular. Soccer/Basketball & Baseball (3 votes)
- Permanent Public Restrooms at Riverpoint (8 votes +#2)
- Access river for recreation use (1 vote)
- Maintain Town's identity related to athletics including field upkeep
- Riverpoint rec facilities are a great addition. Protect golf courses from development. Maintain bike path.
- Create better youth sports recreation facilities. Riverpoint soccer fields. * (6 votes)

Services and Facilities

#	2005 Goal	Votes
1	To provide police services which maintain or improve existing quality in the most efficient manner to meet existing and future needs of West Warwick's residents and businesses.	12
2	To encourage use of the Town's library system by the largest number of residents possible.	See Note
3	To foster a cost and manpower-effective fire department which engenders the confidence of Town residents.	1
4	To support the continuing efforts of the School Department to provide the best education for all school age residents of West Warwick.	13
5	To ensure that the citizens of West Warwick receive social services to meet their diverse needs.	5
6	To ensure that Town buildings and facilities are handicapped accessible, up-to-date, and well-maintained.	1
7	To provide West Warwick residents with timely and efficient curbside collection and other methods of solid waste management to protect the health and safety of the Town and to reduce the volume and the weight of disposable waste stream, minimizing the overall costs of disposal.	
8	To provide a Town-wide wastewater collection system and a regional wastewater treatment facility that meets the long range goals of community development while fulfilling the State Department of Environmental Management water quality goals and objectives.	1
9	To assure adequate water supply and pressure to all residents of West Warwick and to all businesses and industry sufficient to meet demand, for the protection and promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare.	2
10	Provide the Town of West Warwick with a system of drainage structures which adequately carry stormwater flow to protect lives and property while meeting the State water quality goals and objectives for stormwater management.	7
11	To preserve and protect the neighborhoods and the commercial and industrial activity centers of the Town of West Warwick from the unnecessary visual and potentially unhealthy disturbance of high voltage electric and gas transmission lines and all other utilities and the attendant disruption of the community during construction.	

Any Other Priorities?

- Combine police and fire as public safety. Provide quality public safety services and facilities.
- Encourage use of library by introducing new more modern services (4 votes)
- Consolidate (fire department)
- WWFD 2 – stations not 4 I mile apart
- Priority! (school department)
- To ? WW/recycling per control (curbside collection and waste management)