

Maintain and improve neighborhood aesthetics, infrastructure and high quality housing stock

The first of the Plan themes addresses maintenance of neighborhood facilities and aesthetics. Borough residents indicated that the Borough's neighborhoods and community amenities that exist today are a strength as long as they remain stable, well-maintained and protected from threats as the Centre Region grows. This theme's goals include strategies for protecting and enhancing the infrastructure and accessibility of the Borough's neighborhoods.



Goal 1: Maintain neighborhood aesthetics, high quality housing stock and cultural and historic resources



Goal 2: Protect existing neighborhood activity, social and commercial centers and enhance these facilities in order to serve residents' needs



Goal 3: Explore opportunities for increasing environmental sustainability of the Borough's neighborhoods



Goal 4: Address neighborhood-scale transportation safety and opportunities for expanding multi-modal systems

Establish and maintain an appropriate balance of owner and renter occupied housing in the Borough's neighborhoods

The second theme addresses the balance of renter- and owner-occupied housing in the Borough's neighborhoods as well as management of lifestyle conflicts associated with this mix. Goals related to this theme were among the highest of importance for Borough residents. These goals range from addressing enforcement of ordinances and policies for rental properties to ideas for attracting new homeowners to the Borough's neighborhoods.



Goal 5: Maintain a high level of service and enforcement of Borough Ordinances and policies related to property management, behavior and occupancy



Goal 6: Explore opportunities for creating programs and partnership for improving the management of rental housing



Goal 7: Increase home ownership in Borough neighborhoods and expand programs which provide assistance for affordable housing



Goal 8: Consider impacts on neighborhood sustainability as growth occurs throughout the Centre Region

Improve relationships among neighborhood residents, with Borough leaders and with neighboring municipalities

The final theme includes recommendations for improving communications within and outside of the Borough. Residents expressed interest in having regular updates on issues impacting the neighborhoods, more opportunities for positive engagements between student and non-student residents and more accessible information from the Borough and other community organizations. These goals include strategies for improving communications among residents, with Borough leaders and with neighboring municipalities.



Goal 9: Maintain and expand diversity of neighborhoods' residents and improve relations between student and non-student neighbors



Goal 10: Improve communications among residents, neighborhood leaders and Borough officials



Goal 11: Improve communications with neighboring municipalities in order to monitor the impacts of new developments on Borough facilities



Goal 12: Market the positive benefits of living in the Borough's neighborhoods

themes + recommendations