**2014 POCD GOALS & STRATEGIES - SUSTAINABILITY**

**GOAL ONE: Pursue sustainable policies to educate and engage the community.**

Provide a clearinghouse of information for sustainable practices throughout the community.

Educate land use commissions on conservation designs and techniques appropriate for Washington.

Incorporate sustainability goals into Land Use Regulations. Modify regulations to minimize site disturbances and incorporate low-impact development techniques.

**GOAL TWO: Continue land stewardship and open space preservation**

Continue farmland protection and coordinate with neighboring communities on a regional agricultural plan.

Reinstate budget line for the monitoring and maintenance of existing open space

Prioritize stewardship of open space and conservation easements and expand baseline reviews.

**GOAL THREE: Increase monitoring of water resources and waste treatment systems.**

Identify and investigate septic system failures and underground storage tank leaks.

Stress importance of permeable surfaces, rainwater basins, infiltration systems and vegetative buffers.

Continue curbside recycling; consider a regional organic recycling facility.

Locate and evaluate at-risk water resources; map, test, and identify areas of concern; educate public.

**GOAL FOUR: Develop a sustainable municipal transportation policy.**

Continue to properly maintain municipal vehicles and institute and idling time policy.

Develop linkages between town-owned and private open space and maintain pathways.

Implement context-sensitive roadway designs and create safer bicycling pathways.

**GOAL FIVE: Enact sustainable operational policies for all municipal properties.**

Require energy-efficient systems and designs for all construction and renovation; install LED street lighting.

Incorporate green cleaning and maintenance practices at all municipal properties

**GOAL SIX: Increase the use of clean and renewable energy sources.**

Complete an energy audit of municipal facilities; retrofit with efficient equipment and features where feasible.

Educate citizens on property tax exemptions and renewable energy credit programs.