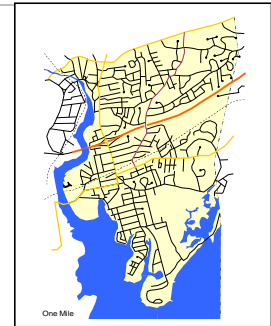


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Our Master Plan Priorities

Members of the ENNA Board met prior to the May 30 public hearing to review Norwalk's April 2007 Draft Plan of Conservation and Development. We were impressed by the amount of work that went into this document and the inclusion of many items that our association and other neighborhood associations requested.

Based on future predictions and trends identified in the Planning Commission's draft document we

identified specific concerns and priorities during our review of the document.

We connected the dots between some of the points made in the draft document, and expanded on items that we believe are important.

We also want to make sure that priority items become part of the implementation section so that these priorities are kept alive and become integrated into future planning.

We identified six priorities which we presented at the public hearing (see following pages).

Once the Planning Commission has incorporated comments from the public hearing into the draft plan, the document goes to the Planning Committee of the Common Council for review and public hearing and then on to the full Council for approval.

Laurel Lindstrom, President

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1. Maintain Scale & Character

Maintain scale and character of the existing neighborhoods which are located in areas identified for denser development

- Create overall plan for specific sections of neighborhoods that are ripe for infill and demolition-rebuild. Then make zoning changes that would support the overall plan.

- Provide for neighborhood parks and open space

- Beef up noise ordinance

- Encourage the preservation of historic buildings. Creative reuse, in addition to design standards for infill development, is needed to maintain and enhance each neighborhood's character.

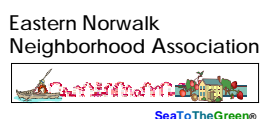
- Additional traffic calming measures that focus on 'steady but slow' rather than on 'easing' traffic.

- Decrease odor from Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Recommend establishing Liberty Square as a Village District.

- Work with ConnDOT on highway design improvements at select locations: widen sidewalks on Strofolino Bridge; redesign Rte. 136 around historic East Norwalk Cemetery to enhance this village center; etc.

- Continue bulky waste pick-up regularly throughout city.





Development on secondary roads adjacent to residential neighborhoods needs to be built to appropriate scale and in character with the surroundings.

2. Decrease dependence on cars

Decrease dependence on the automobile in conjunction with increasing the convenience of other modes of travel

- Public transit oriented development
- Focusing denser development on main commercial corridors such as Westport Avenue and Main Avenue. New development would be build-to-line close to the street with retail on the first floor and residential on the second. Parking would be in the rear.
- Infill and denser development should be encouraged at locations where there is easy access to public transportation to decrease dependence on the automobile. But

development on East Avenue, Strawberry Hill Avenue, Calf Pasture Beach Road and other secondary roads adjacent to residential neighborhoods need to be built to appropriate scale and in character with the surroundings.

- Parking requirements should be decreased to encourage use of public transportation rather than reliance on automobiles. Exception would be at train stations
- Frequency of buses needs to be increased along major routes. Use smaller buses where large buses aren't needed.
- Add sidewalks, footpaths and bikeways to make it safer and easier to use

other means of transportation than the automobile.

- Add pedestrian bridge over Norwalk River
- Encourage the City to apply for 'Safe Routes to School' federal grant funds for locations throughout Norwalk (already landed funds for Strawberry Hill Ave. with help from ENNA).
- Create smooth connections between all the developments in the downtown corridor – including pedestrian connections. Add additional public transportation such as: trolleys; ferries; and additional Metro North train stations (one in the Wall Street area at Commerce).

3. Retain middle-income residents

Avert the likely decline of middle-income residents related to rising cost of housing, and prepare for an increase of working families with children.

- More needs to be done to increase the available housing stock for middle-income residents in addition to housing that is available to low and high income residents.
- Affordable units need to be dispersed throughout Norwalk and not isolated in specific developments
- Add working mothers for access to health care

4. Prepare for changing diversity

Prepare for a population increase, increase in elderly and a changing diversity

- Future predictions are for increased elderly and

increased Hispanic population.

- Gentrification is a trend that could adversely affect our diversity

(cultural, ethnic, income, etc.)

- Our diverse population needs to be encouraged and supported.

5. Upgrade & maintain infrastructure

Conduct ongoing assessment, and upgrade and maintain infrastructure.

- Prevention of neighborhood flooding and problems related to traffic congestion are of particular concern.
- Add infrastructure in areas of new development and do not allow development in areas where infrastructure can not be added and is unable to sustain new development
- Add grinding before paving to lower street elevation to help decrease flooding
- Use and encourage use of pervious surfacing to decrease flooding
- Provide incentives for

private recharge of storm water

- LEED – emphasis on cost effectiveness
- Improve technology at City Hall to allow for

better access to data and intercommunication between departments. Net result would be cost effective.

(Master Plan Priorities continued on next page)

Plan of Conservation & Development

The Master Plan (Plan of Conservation & Development) is updated every 10 years. During the past several months the Planning Commission has worked with consultants on creating master plans for sections of Norwalk, and with neighborhood associations and others that have submitted their own plans and comments. The draft master plan for Norwalk can be found at www.norwalkct.org and includes significant components of all the recommendations received. The public will have another opportunity to speak to the plan when the Common Council's Planning Committee holds a public hearing soon.

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Volunteer Opportunities

We need member contributions to print flyers and newsletters, purchase supplies for neighborhood cleanups, create poster displays for our events – and any number of other activities that have an associated cost. We ask for a contribution annually of \$25 per household. If you haven't contributed this year please consider doing so. Our level of achievement is only as great as your generosity.

To Volunteer, Join or Contribute to the ENNA please complete the information below and mail to: ENNA, 37 Olmstead Place, Norwalk, CT 06855.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Check enclosed _____ Volunteer _____

Interests or Special Skills:

All contributions are fully tax-deductible.
Information kept confidential, for ENNA use only.



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6. Encourage public participation

Ensure public participation throughout the planning process for all public parks, right-of-ways, open space and other public land.

- Master Plans need to be created for all larger parks. Within the ENNA, in order of priority: Veterans Park; Taylor Farm; Andrews Field; and Calf Pasture Beach & Shady Beach. Soil core

samples need to be taken at Vets Park to assess for contamination.

- Add beach sticker fees to increase revenue through usage fees. Residents 65 years of age and over would be exempt.
- Encourage new development to pay for improvements to adjacent

public land – including improvements to public parks.

- Specific recommendations are: complete continuous walkway along Norwalk River where environmentally feasible to do so; construct a linear park along Betts Brook; add kayak launching area on Norwalk River.

About Our Organization

The ENNA is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes:

To foster and preserve the residential character, natural and historic resources and quality of life in the eastern Norwalk community;

To encourage the residents of eastern Norwalk to actively participate in achieving the purpose set forth above;

To provide assistance to governmental and not-for-profit organizations with purposes similar to, or with activities in furtherance of, the purposes set forth

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