

## APPENDIX A: HARDWICK’S TOOLS AND OPTIONS FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Guide to terminology:

- Short Term would be 1-2 years.
- Medium Term would be 3-8 years.
- Long Term would be 8+ years.
- Ongoing would be continual.

Topic Area	Action Steps	Projected Time Frames
Historic, Scenic, and Archeological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardwick should continue to support the endeavors of the Hardwick Historical Society.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Historic, Scenic, and Archeological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Select Board should continue to support the Village Center Designations in the Hardwick Village and in East Hardwick</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Historic, Scenic, and Archeological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Select Board should explore a tax stabilization program for downtown façade improvements.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Historic, Scenic, and Archeological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Select Board should continue to provide funds that will make a significant contribution to those matching funds raised by local organizations and individuals for the purpose of maintaining or improving the above named historic structures owned by the Town of Hardwick. Line items for these funds for each of these buildings should be included as part of the town budget.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Historic, Scenic, and Archeological Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where an archeological site is discovered on an undeveloped property or part of a property, the town supports the purchase of development rights on the effected portion as a means of compensating landowners for the loss of development rights. Purchase of development rights are always on a willing seller basis.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Manager, the Planning Commission, and the Select Board should investigate Downtown Designation for the village area.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Manager and the Planning Commission should pursue funding to develop a new location for a second industrial park.</li> </ul>	✓ Medium Term
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Manager and the Planning Commission should identify appropriate</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term

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	locations for the expansion of Hardwick’s agricultural and value-added food producers.	
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should explore the feasibility of improving the appearance and the functionality of Hardwick’s downtown and of East Hardwick’s village center.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Land Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The town supports the efforts of organizations in the purchase of development rights and other conservation methods provided the land protected meets the objectives of this plan. Where possible, the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission should review proposed purchases and comment based on the goals of this plan.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Natural Areas and Wildlife Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission will support and provide guidance to any property owner with questions or concerns about their natural resources.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Natural Areas and Wildlife Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Natural Resources Inventory should be conducted throughout Hardwick.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public education and signage should be placed at all boat accesses and public accesses to notify the public of Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive species and how to protect the lake.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A wetland inventory of the town should be conducted.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should examine the feasibility of creating a new Source Protection Area which surrounds the Renaud Road spring.</li> </ul>	✓ Medium Term
Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and regularly update the Local Emergency Operations Plan.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to meet the VTrans Road and Bridge standards. Encourage participation in regional road foreman trainings and Transportation Advisory Committee meetings.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and replace undersized and failing culverts.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempt to achieve yearly updating of the</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing

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	Town's transportation infrastructure information in the Vermont Online Bridge and Culvert Inventory Tool.	
Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate the Fire Station and HED garage out of the floodplain or flood proof these structures to 500-year flood standards.</li> </ul>	✓ Long Term
Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and regularly update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Public and Private Facilities and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should support efforts to fund improvements to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should support and facilitate the Jeudevine Memorial Library's efforts to improve its educational and social services.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Town should assess road and bridge conditions every three years to establish maintenance and repair priorities.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should continue to seek funding to improve and extend sidewalks.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The town should review truck parking and seek opportunities to increase safe downtown parking.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hardwick should consider using bio-fuels or electric vehicles wherever economically possible. This can be through use in school buses and other municipal vehicles.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The town should encourage the provision of safe and convenient alternatives to automobile travel for local trips, including the investigation of a commuter bus route from Hardwick to Montpelier, where many residents work.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should examine the feasibility of placement of electric charging stations in Hardwick.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board and School Board should continue to realize energy savings through energy audits of all municipal buildings and the use of life cycle costing practices that incorporate long-term energy savings in the fiscal analysis of facility construction and equipment purchases.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing

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Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The town should consider establishing a new energy reserve fund that will help cover the cost and leverage other funds for planned improvement projects to improve energy efficiency.</li> </ul>	✓ Short Term
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Select Board should participate in Section 248 hearings that relate to projects within the Town to review applications and assure that the requirements as set forth in the Town Plan are met.</li> </ul>	✓ Ongoing