Appendix A – Implementation Progress (2019–2025)

Historic, Scenic & Archaeological Resources

Action Step	Time Frame (2019)	Status 2025
Support endeavors of Hardwick Historical Society	Ongoing	Ongoing
Support Village Center Designations in Hardwick Village & East Hardwick	Ongoing	**Accomplished** – Downtown Designation (Hardwick), renewed Village Center (East Hardwick)
Explore tax stabilization program for downtown façade improvements	Short Term	In Progress – partial through state tax credits
Provide matching funds for maintaining/improving town-owned historic structures	Ongoing	Ongoing
Support purchase of development rights for discovered archeological sites (willing seller)	Ongoing	Ongoing

Economic Development

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Investigate Downtown Designation for village area	Short Term	**Accomplished** – Downtown Designation approved 2024
Pursue funding for second industrial park	Medium Term	**No Longer Viable** – superseded by Yellow Barn/Accelerator
Identify locations for ag/value-added food producers	Short Term	**Accomplished** – supported through CAE, Yellow Barn
Explore feasibility of improving downtown/East Hardwick appearance & functionality	Short Term	**Accomplished** – Better Connections, AARP walk audits, paving projects

Land Resources

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Support conservation purchases & easements; review by PC/Conservation Commission	Ongoing	Ongoing

Natural Areas & Wildlife

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Provide guidance to landowners on natural resources	Ongoing	Ongoing
Conduct Natural Resources Inventory	Short Term	**Accomplished** – completed 2023

Water Resources

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Post public education & signage re: invasive species at boat/public accesses	Short Term	In Progress
Conduct wetland inventory	Short Term	In Progress
Examine feasibility of new Source Protection Area (Renaud Road spring)	Medium Term	**Not done yet.**

Flood Resilience

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Maintain & update Local Emergency Operations Plan	Ongoing	**Accomplished** – updated annually – The Hardwick Plan
Meet VTrans Road & Bridge standards, encourage training & TAC participation	Ongoing	Ongoing
Identify & replace undersized/failing culverts	Short Term	In Progress
Update culvert/bridge inventory in VT Online Tool	Ongoing	**Accomplished** – current
Relocate Fire Station & HED garage out of floodplain or floodproof	Long Term	In Progress – Creamery Road facility planning
Maintain & update Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	Ongoing	**Accomplished** – updated 2023

Public & Private Facilities & Services

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Support funding for LVRT improvements	Short Term	**Accomplished** – LVRT upgrades in Hardwick & East Hardwick

Education

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Support Jeudevine Library's service improvements	Ongoing	**Accomplished** – new Jeudevine Library completed 2025

Transportation

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Assess road/bridge conditions every 3 years	Ongoing	Ongoing
Seek funding to improve & extend sidewalks	Ongoing	In Progress – AARP walk audits, scoping studies
Review truck parking & increase safe downtown parking	Short Term	In Progress
Consider using biofuels/electric vehicles in municipal fleet	Ongoing	Ongoing
Encourage alternatives to automobile travel; investigate commuter bus	Ongoing	No Longer Viable – not pursued; focus shifted to bike/ped & LVRT
Examine feasibility of EV charging stations in Hardwick	Short Term	In Progress

Energy

Action Step	Time Frame	Status 2025
Continue energy audits & life-cycle costing in municipal buildings	Ongoing	Ongoing
Establish new energy reserve fund	Short Term	**No Longer Viable** – replaced by state/federal grant programs
Participate in Section 248 hearings on energy projects	Ongoing	Ongoing
Advance local renewable energy projects	Short Term	**Accomplished** – multiple solar arrays (gravel pits, Center Road)