

## Excerpts from Meredith Community Plan, 2002

<https://www.meredithnh.org/community-development/files/2002-community-plan>

### PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The Master Plan, or “Community Plan” as we refer to it, is the foundation from which a community can guide growth and development. Meredith has embraced comprehensive community planning over the last thirty years, adopting plans in 1969, 1982, and 1989. A review of these plans demonstrates that planning has been put into practice in Meredith. Over the years the community has made significant strides to improve the environment in which we live, work, play, and invest. This Community Plan, building upon that practice, aims to increase understanding of our community and to provide guidance on improving our quality of life.

### CHAPTER 11. COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### PART 3. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to achieve our vision for the future, we have identified the following community economic development goal: Promote an economy that fosters diverse economic opportunities in manners that are consistent with the qualities of life that form the foundation of our community. To fulfill this goal, several objectives and recommendations have been developed to guide future planning policies and initiatives:

#### **Objective A: Cultivate the natural, physical and social environments to conserve and promote our quality of life and quality of place.**

1. Maintain as a high priority, the protection of natural and cultural assets that make our community interesting and unique; the setting within which the economy functions.
2. Promote development that complements the community. Discourage commercial and residential sprawl.
3. All community stakeholders must recognize that development has its limits. There is a need to balance the environment and development to maintain the very resource base that residents and visitors alike have come to enjoy.
4. Pursue innovative local and regional strategies to increase housing opportunities for people of all economic levels. Consider innovative approaches such as a regional housing development authority (similar to an Industrial Development Authority).
5. Improve opportunities for safe and affordable childcare.
6. Foster individual growth in areas such as intellectual enrichment, parenting, and employee training, etc.

7. Ensure that our land use regulations allow the town to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

8. Develop a network of pedestrian and bicycle pathways to improve access to and within the village area.

9. Encourage business leaders to promote involvement in the community that their businesses depend on. Support for cultural and volunteer programs, and encouraging employee participation in community based activities pays dividends that are beneficial to both the individual business and the community as a whole.