

## Comments and inputs for Rye Master Plan

Type	Section	Para	Starts with	Detail
Improvement	0			There are many things in other chapters that are outdated, wrong or need explanation
Improvement	0			We list many names of locations. Such as Foyes Corner, Locke's Neck, Fairhill Manor, that new people to town (60% of people less then 20 years) may not know where these are. For all of these names there should be maps that flag where they are.
Add	3.1	1	Like Other	Last sentence mentions impervious. Key point is that over 10% is bad and we are at 15.5%. See page 7-22 top of the page and this 7 years ago.
Improvement	3.1	2	Projected	Mentions our "Strategic Planning" What is our Strategic Plan, where is it found
Correction	3.1	2	Projected	"can" help. We should be saying "should" or "must".
Correction	3.2	3	The Planning	There were 6 people from the Public at the June 22nd meeting, we ended early as there was not much we could do. The way this is written implies two productive workshops. While two were held, only one was productive. This implies a level of public input that didn't happen
Improvement	3.2		Table	When I first read this, I thought there was some correlation with the rows, there is none. This is a poor way to present this information.
Improvement	3.3		Figure 2	If there is information being presented, it needs to be stated why it is here. Every time information is presented there needs to be analysis or clearly say why the information is included.
Improvement	3.3	1	Sea-Levels	We are inconsistent with providing URL's to information and other times referencing things. This document should be posted with a link.
Correction	3.5	1	A. Water	RWD provides most of the Town with water, not private wells. Portsmouth also provides water to Rye. It implies this was done for Aquarion, but we know it was not. Also other sections already change the name to Eversource
Correction	3.5			Much is missing, such as the fact that Parson's Creek is polluted, Berry's Brook has the highest PFC's run-off on the country, No mention about RWD and Aquarion looking to put more wells in to meet a growing demand.
Correction	3.5	1	B. Economy	"\$140 million increase in assest value from 4.0 feet to the 6.3 feet" This is a confusing statement. I believe it means to say this much more property will be at risk
Improvement	3.6	1	Planning for	Says "should", this needs to have teeth, so it should say "will"
Correction	3.6	2	From 1990	Again - discuss the 10% level and how we are over 15.5%. For all of this text, what is the is the "so what"
Correction	3.6	2	From 1990	Last line typo says "in the along the"
Correction	3.6	2	A component	Says "more stringent standards may". This is not a "may" this needs to be addressed

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Correction	3.6		Parsons Creek	This whole section is completely under played. A 1980 Shellfish report from the State told Rye that septic systems are polluting the Creek. It has been over 30 years and the problem is not fixed. No link to the Parsons Creek work. What is Rye going to invest in fixing this problem? What has to happen to light a fire under the town to get moving? It talks about the FB Environmental "to prepare" they have done many studies already.
Improvement	3.6	2	Open Space	The role of Wetland's buffers. These are under explained. We should have a diagram. Key action must be to document what we have already let into these buffers. What % of buffers are already compromised with septic systems and other structures. This data is needed to show, enough is enough...
Correction	3.6	4	100 Year	These data points need to be tagged to a year? Are these also 2016 data points, its not clear
Improvement	3.6	B.	Emissions	What is the "so what" Another example of text that is not adding value
Improvement	3.7	1	Infrastructure and	That fact that we are at 15.5% of impervious coverage in a town with so much wet lands needs to jump up that we are past the OK stage and are in the danger zone
Improvement	3.7			Note, we should include the EPA Statistic that 75% of commercially harvested fish is wetland dependent, so that all of this run off and pollution is impacting fish.
Improvement	3.7	C 1.0	FEMA Requires	For the Mitigation plan, can we say, who, when and how? Why does the Town want to purchase high risk properties? What is the cost benefit analysis on that for the Town? Where is this Hazard Mitigation Plan - no links
Correction	3.7	C 2.0	The town's	This could be a huge point, but why is it called out here? When are we at the point we need to do something. A plan should say, when we get to this point, these actions are needed. So when we get to that point, the planning and work has been done, its just a question of executing now.
Comment	3.7	C 3.0	The Emergency	Who is the "Assistant Director" Town Website does not show that, just that "Alan Gould" is a deputy. We hire his firm to hire the Fire Chief who is also shown and his firm for the Assessment - I think there could be conflict of interest here.
Correction	3.7	C 3.0	Incorporating	"Town officials recognize" Why are we saying that. If it is a real issue, then the Plan should assign dates and timelines to get this done. What about the "Outer Marker Site" and make other town property a park? Later in that same paragraph - it says "Local Officials recognize" ... Can this get any more vague? If it is an issue, say it needs to get done, who and when.

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Improvement	3.8		Based	It says should. "if this is going to happen, who gets assigned to each task, how do we know that progress is being made or actions taken?"
Improvement	3.8	R1.3	Evaluate	I believe DPW has a Culvert plan and a map. However Red Mill work has run much higher than budget, so this needs to be looked at. If this plan exists, then say who looks at this Plan, updates it and reports on progress?
Correction	3.8	R2.1	Evaluate	Not sure how we can look at the Seacoast region. However this whole section needs a process that looks at "all of Rye Water". Add to this the plans and impact of creating more wells in town or adjacent to town.
Correction	3.8	R2.5		Why are we doing research - we know the impact of impervious surfaces, run-off, etc.. Any research should be documenting how bad we are to help us not get worse.
Correction	3.8	R.2.4		Why is the town engaged with JBVD and water. Who in the town, should be doing this? Its not the BOS
Correction	3.8	R.3.3		Why are we compiling research - we know that minimizing buffers makes this an issue, so where do we have in-adequate wet-land buffers already, so we can say enough is enough...
Improvement	3.8	R4.2		What about cleaning up or existing messes at Parsons Creek, Grove Road and others...
Comment	3.8	R4.5		Yes, looking for 'free" money is good, but shouldn't we start with budgeting our own money first
Correction	3.8	R4.8		Nothing against Solar energy - but why is this recommendation here?
Comment	3.8	R5.1		Who owns this action? Who is going to drive this
Correction	3.8	R5.17		What are our "Land Conservation Priorities" Where are they and shouldn't there be a link to them?
Improvement	3.8	R6.11		Who is going to do this, how frequently?
Comment	3.8	R7.12		Engage young adults through Social media? Sounds nice, but what exactly would this be and the logistics behind it?
Correction	4			What is the next change for Rye - use the data to show we are a Retirement Community - look at House density, but dropping number of kids, trend the numbers look at the older plan
Improvement	4.1		Land use	Last line, what "Services do these intercostal marsh lands provide?"
Correction	4.1		Rye administers	"ensuring the best and highest valued use of land by residents and property owners". What is best? What makes something High Value?
Correction	4.1		Rye administers	If there are conflicts - what guides us in resolving these conflicts - these should be spelled out

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Comment	4.1		According	"2,252" units of housing. The assessment said we had over 3,100 tax cards - so we should be able to get a 2017 number and see what the trends tell us
Comment	4.1		According	We should count the number of Accessory Dwelling Units and keep track as they get added
Correction	4.2		Rye's vision	"Maintaining a "semi-rural character" should go on the cover of the Master plan
Comment	4.2		Ryes goals	How do we define "excellent schools" ones that don't cost that much? How do we know they are excellent
Correction	4.2		Rye's goals	What is "good for the whole community" What makes things good?
Correction	4.2		Rye's goals	"history and present, " What does embracing our present mean?
Correction	4.2		Rye's goals	Preserve... does not include protection our water
Improvement	4.3		The intent	Are the town's "interests" defined any where?
Correction	4.3	1	The Planning	Are the visions, goals and recommendations listed and made clear - what are they?
Correction	4.3	1	The Planning	What are the "sort of development Rye wants and where it will be allowed" Where is that clearly stated?
Correction	4.3	1	Nonetheless	Last line "not experienced by others subject to the same standards". This leaves us wide open. Every RCD can now say they can get the same things that Sea Glass Lane was given. To help with that we need to count and have metrics to say - the Town has gone too far - such as, too much in the buffers already.
Improvement	4.3	2	Figure 4-1	This table is shown twice in this document - if this has to be done, it should be referenced as such
Comment	4.3	2	The Conservation	Do the Parson's Park Corporation or the Rye Open Space Committee still exist?
Comment	4.3	4	It is not	"flexible choices for residents of Rye" why is this limited to Residents? Are Rye real-estate transactions Rye residents relocating in Rye??
Correction	4.3	4	On March	What is "excellence in design" What about Sea Glass Lane is "excellent" . Do we expect to get "bad designs" This must be qualified.
Comment	4.3	4	The RCD	How is Sea Glass Lane screened - "The development envelope must be set back on the sides, front, and rear with natural screening vegetation" You can see all of it from Wallis Road and from Patriots Way.
Correction	4.3	6	Adopted	Typo "The Historic District The goal"
Correction	4.4	2	Land use	Should also say to protect our water
Comment	4.4	2	Salt marsh	Raised funds - if this is a goal - Should Rye have an established fund where the Town also contributes to this?
Correction	4.4	2	Rye citizens	Open Space Committee - is this still an active Committee?

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Correction	4.4			I have no idea what is happening with the numbering of these sections - there are 1.0, 2., 2.0 and the more ones... While this section is not labeled correctly, Format is to alternate between number and letter or to show the full number so 4.2.2 (not just the 0.0.2 level. This should be corrected in all chapters.
Correction	4.4	2	Non-point	How can we be leaving off the Landfills that have proven to be leaking - Coakley and Grove Road. We should also list the Dump site in total
Improvement	4.4	2	New Hampshire	Another good spot to put the EPA quote of Wetlands impact 75% of commercial fish. Add about the signs that went up about Trout
Correction	4.4	2	Of the 8,107	When this is discussed, the 10% warning line needs to be discussed, we need to discuss how bad this is. 15.5% is 6 years ago - what is it today? What are we doing?
Improvement	4.4	2	Storm water	Says more frequent testing should happen. So who is responsible, when and how will this get done?
Improvement	4.4	4	As adopted in	Says we should enforce the minimum flood plain standards required? Why, what are the benefits to minimizing? What are the marginal benefits to Rye of raising these?
Correction	4.4	4.2	The purpose	Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance - if this exists it should be linked or say where to find it
Correction	4.4	4.2	Rye citizens	says "it may be time" to manage the shale piles. Don't say may, say yes or no. An option may be to send the State our expectations or guidelines that we expect them to adhere to
Correction	4.4	4.5.2	The Rye Zoning	Once again, what is the volume of wetland's buffers that are currently compromised. What has been grandfathered in? Do we have "red zones" where we are well under the buffer volume needed
Correction	4.4	4.5.2	Rye's Land Developm	The problem of Parsons Creek needs to be spelled out with expectations to fic the problem.
Improvement	4.4	4.5.2	Rye's Land Developm	What are "high intensity soils mapping" I hear of test pits, but nothing I would say is "high intensity"
Improvement	4.4	4.5.2	Potential	If cleaning Catch basins is a problem, quantify what we are paying to have this done. If we invested in a "costly" drainage system, shouldn't we be educating better about what and where it is?
Correction	4.5		Economic impacts	Work from home trend is not discussed. In my neighborhood I know of 5 other people who work from home when we are not traveling - this is a big change and makes Rye more attractive to higher income people or ADU people who no longer have to commute. This Trend is not discussed anywhere.

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Comment	4.5		Social impacts	Once again, the dump needs to be the center of social interaction and this requires a redesign (not the current re-design plan) that encourages social interaction
Correction	4.5		Table	No Table number. Format can be much better on this table. State is something is a Threat or Impact - its not really clear. Whole table can be better and more specific. How do we track progress against these strategies
Improvement	4.5		Table	Light Pollution - should also be for renovations. I have spotlights shinning in our house
Comment	4.5		Table	Invasive species - how do we monitor this.
Comment	4.6		Adapting	This table and definition appears twice, do we need to be repetitive
Improvement	4.6			What does LU stand for? Also, these should say when we get to this point, these things should be done to prevent the following from happening
Correction	4.6	LU2		What currently fits or qualifies for using the Current Conservation fund - what is beyond this money
Correction	4.6	LU4	4b	Typo "and minimize" add a space
Correction	4.6	LU4	4d	What is the cost/benefit of the Town acquiring high risk properties
Correction	4.6	LU4	4g	This is what needs to be done first. Impacts to RWD, the Sewer infrastructure. What things will cost us lots of money in the future
Improvement	4.6	LU5	5a	Our Municipal assets should be listed rather than leaving it vague. The Beach and access to the beach may be the biggest. After that it is the roads, culverts, .....
Comment	4.6	LU5	5e	How is this going to be done? Who will do this?
Comment	4.6	LU7	7a	The plan should say this is what needs to be done. Commit to doing it and any matching funds or support help. It feels that we won't take the lead in funding, but we have to scrounge for money before we act
Correction	4.7	LU9		Is this our "Strategy" to use this model - if so we this should be communicated
Correction	4.7	LU9	9a	Why are we talking about the old Police station here? This does not belong here
Comment	4.7	LU10	10b	Retail is online. If we want to help with the older population traveling less, this is about the Farmer's market and access to food
Comment	4.7	LU11	12a	Should be evaluating more regionally.
Correction	4.7	LU13	13b	"protect lands should managed" grammar - not sure what this is saying
Comment	4.7	LU13	13e	Don't we do this for storm water management or is this discussed in another area?
Comment	6.1			If we want more biking and safer biking - have smooth roads
Comment	6.1			If we want children to walk to school have side walks

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Correction	6.1			Why do we even say our municipal services are concentrated in the center of town, that is the point of having a center?
Comment	6.2			Vision should include a minimum of quality for biking road conditions
Comment	6.3			We have one bridge and we have not been maintaining it and it is in crisis mode?
Improvement	6.4		Table 6-4	What is this table telling us? At a glance, in general, it looks like traffic is going down - what is the "so what"
Correction	6.4		Rye's roadway	What purpose does the historical content have? Why is it included?
Comment	6.4		Infrequent	The number of lights on Rt 1 may be the biggest factor pushing people to cut through Rye. Also, applications such as "Ways" is pushing non-resident traffic through Rye in different patterns. Dow Lane is a case in point.
Comment	6.6		Bicycle	More kids are riding and waking to school now. Rye is a huge biking area, people come from all over to ride through Rye. Each summer I see hundreds of people with PMC shirts riding through Rye that I know don't live in Rye or Portsmouth (After 26 years I know most of the people who live here and ride).
Correction	6.7	T1		There is overlap of the Recommendations across sections. The Roads and infrastructure. If we are going to take actions doesn't it make sense to not have redundant or overlapping recommendations?
Correction	6.8	T7		We should either do this or not, not waiting to "pursue funding"?
Comment	6.8	T15		Whatever we do, please stop painting those indecipherable blue squares on our roads
Correction	7.1		Figure 7-1	Where is the Analysis? What is this telling us? 55 more acres of water from 1962 to now? We should also look at population shifts in conjunction wit the land use
Correction	7.2		The opinions	It has been 15 years since the 2002 visioning sessions. Please don't count the June 22nd meeting with 6 people.
Correction	7.2		Table 7-2	If this is from 2002 - what have we done in 15 years, what has not happened and why?
Correction	7.3		A	How can these even be presented without including Sanders Poiynt as beach access??
Correction	7.3		During the past	This says during the past 10 to 15 years? Is this now, or the time before 2002?
Comment	7.3	C	The following is	We say Rye contributed "work in kind", but how much dollars did we invest verse grants? What is the Parsons Creek Watershed restoration project? If it is a project it should have goals, milestones, a budget and timeline.
Correction	7.3	D	Shellfish	Findings from the 1980 study that said Parsons Creek has septic problems should be linked here.

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Correction	7.4		Rye is known	Not sure what the highlight is for. This information should be in a table to clearly communicate. Is there a list of where these Easements are? If not, why?
Improvement	7.4		Figure 7-1	So, our most current trail map is 26 years old? The "N" for north is sideways compared to others
Correction	7.4		The New Hampshire	While some of these are obvious, there should be a map that shows where 1 to 8 are.
	7.4	A	Prime	
Improvement	7.4	B.	Rye has	For the corridors - a picture showing these would be helpful
Correction	7.4	D	Berry's	The current PCF run-off has to be included
Correction	7.4	D	Berry's	If you mention the Trout, then you should include the warning signs that are now up about the Trout
Improvement	7.4	E 1	Wildlife	A map of these would help, as not everyone is going to know the names
Improvement	7.4	E 2	Species	The Seacoast Science center has yearly biodiversity information - that can be included. Why is this discussed and what are the actions that should be here
Correction	7.4	4	Nh Wildlife	Have a link to the Wildlife Action Plan
Correction	7.5		Since	Portsmouth also provides water and it should be mentioned
Correction	7.5	3	Aquifer	We should include the Dump and other areas that are in this zone with variances.
Correction	7.5	C	Studies have	Concord Point drainage is not threatened, it is polluted and needs to be called out as such. Berry Brook Watershed Management Plan - where is it and who is responsible of rat?
Comment	7.5	D	The information	"two major watersheds is interconnected by bedrock fractures so that water is exchanged between the two areas" This is a key point I do not hear discussed enough
Correction	7.5	D	The primary	This says "recent" testing at Parson's Creek. Is recent 30 years ago to 1980?
Correction	7.5	D 2	Of the 8,107	The paragraph with Studies report - that says over 10% is an issue 25% can cause problems and we were at 15.5% 6 years ago. Where are we now, how are we tracking this and minimizing this?
Comment	7.5	D 2	Increases	Once again, another statement about the importance of wetland buffers. We need to document this better.
Improvement	7.5	D 4	A better	Says a better approach "might be", we need to be much stronger here
Improvement	7.5	D 4	Figure 7-11	Is this a new table? If not, what have done so far, what haven't we done?
Improvement	7.7	NRx		These need to be owned with dates to accomplish tasks
Correction	7.8		Next Steps	What is the budget to do all of this work. This table is from 2002. What has been done, who is setting the priorities on what to do next?