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INTRODUCTION

The Town of Exeter is located in Washington County, the fastest growing county in the State of Rhode Island. There is no question that out-migration from the suburbs of Providence and Kent Counties has fueled the population increase in Exeter and Washington County over the past two decades. Individuals and families from more urban settings are drawn to the less congested, more rural settings of Washington County towns. Exeter, given its location with respect to major transportation systems, will continue to be an attractive alternative to those seeking life away from suburbia.

This Comprehensive Plan identifies, in detail, resources within Exeter. These community resources work together to form the character of the town. Exeter possesses valuable commodities in terms of natural, cultural and economic assets, and the goal of this document is to identify, inventory, protect and increase these assets.

A Comprehensive Plan is an official public document adopted by local government as a policy guide to the physical development of the community. The Comprehensive Plan states in a general way, how the local government leaders want the community to develop over the next ten to twenty years.

"Comprehensive" means that the plan encompasses all geographic parts of the community and functional elements, which bear on physical development. Although the plan is comprehensive in this aspect it should remain general by summarizing policies and proposals, not dictate specific locations or detailed regulations. "Long range" means that the plan looks beyond the foreground of pressing current issues to the potential problems and possibilities that may exist ten to twenty years in the future.

The Exeter Comprehensive Plan assesses the following elements of the Town:

- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Housing
- Facilities & Services
- Natural & Cultural Resources
- Circulation
- Open Space & Recreation

The Exeter Comprehensive Plan has been developed as our statement of what we want our town to be in the future. In its most simple terms, this Comprehensive Plan calls for retaining as much as possible of Exeter's *sense of place*, which is the town's most valuable asset.

The Exeter Town Council
Exeter Planning Board