

Town Plan of Conservation and Development 2006:

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| 3 Watershed Land | Protect the environmental quality and low-density character of the watershed lands consistent with the density standards of the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan – i.e., no more than one dwelling unit or six bedrooms for every two acres of upland soil and three acres of site area. (Chapter 3) |
| 4 Public Facilities | (Current) Recent school facility construction at the Morehouse Road site and at Joel Barlow High School will meet the Town’s public school needs for the foreseeable future. |
| 18 Table 3-1 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY | 1994 - (2004) <u>2006</u> |
| 18 (right side vertical column of table) heading: | (2004) <u>2006</u> |
| Aspetuck Land Trust “B” Zone | (1,054.7) <u>1,066.2</u> |
| Aspetuck Land Trust Total | (1,058.4) <u>1,069.9</u> |
| 18 OPEN SPACE TOTALS | (6,847.9) <u>6,859.4</u> |
| 18 (footnote 2) | Source of (2004) 2006 data: Town of Easton grand list, tax-exempt properties, as compiled by assessor in 2004, updated to 2006. |
| 21 Town Population | (The Town is now, with an estimated 7,500) As of December 2006 Easton had an estimated 7,600 residents, or about 80% of its maximum population capacity under present zoning. |

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| 25 Characteristics of Present Town Population (para. 2) | Since the 2000 census, based on new residential permits issued, the town appears to (be adding about 64 persons per year for a 2003 population total of about 7,500 persons) have added about 350 persons for an estimated 2006 population of about 7,600. |
| 27 Recent Town Development (para. 2) | In the mid-1970's there were about 5,420 residents; now there are approximately (7,500) 7,600 , a (38%) 40% population increase. |
| 28 Table 5-1 LAND USE BY ZONE | (Revised 2003) Source: Town Survey |
| 35 Town Infrastructure (para. 1) | The Town's most recent addition to its major infrastructure is its acquisition of a 127 - acre tract on Morehouse Road, (a portion of which will be devoted to construction of a new elementary school to replace the presently inadequate Staples School.) the northerly portion of which is the site of the new Samuel Staples Elementary School, constructed in 2005. |
| 37 Public Schools (para. 3) | Public elementary school enrollment, as of October 1, (2003, was 1,128 students.) 2006, was 1,149 students. Of this enrollment (22) 32 students were in pre-kindergarten, (602) 749 were in kindergarten through (fourth grade) fifth grade , and (504 were in grades 5) 368 were in grades 6 through 8. The pre-k through grade 8 enrollment, (1,128) 1,149 students, compares (with present Staples and Helen Keller Schools' combined capacity of 1,266 students, of which number however 200 is capacity provided by the portable units currently at Staples School. With completion of the new elementary school, serving grades pre-k through 5, the combined elementary grades capacity will increase to) favorably with the combined capacity of the Helen Keller and new Staples Schools, approximately 1,460 students. |

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| 37&38 Public Schools (p. 37, para. 4) & (p. 38, para. 2) | <p>Joel Barlow High School, with an October 1, (2003) 2006 enrollment of (940 students) 970 students (grades 9 – 12, from Easton and Redding), is projected by District 9 to have an enrollment within the range of 926 to 1,193 students in the 2012-13 school year, which compares favorably with the school’s newly enlarged capacity of 1,200 students.</p> <p>The current enrollment of (940 students) 970 students at Joel Barlow High School represents about 5.9% of the combined population totals of Easton and Redding, approximately 16,000 persons.</p> |
| 39 Parks and Recreation | <p>In addition the Park and Recreation Commission maintains (a swimming area at Toth Park), playgrounds at both schools, two tennis courts at Keller School and two tennis courts at Veterans’ Park, as well as the outdoor grounds at both schools and at the Town Hall and the Town Library. The Town swimming area, long maintained at Toth Park, is not currently available due to water quality issues.</p> <p>In 2005 plans for two new ballfields on the Town’s Morehouse Road property were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.</p> |
| 43 Public Safety (para. 2) | <p>In the (2002-03) 2005 calendar year the Fire Company responded to (397) 462 calls, of which (52) 48 were motor vehicle accidents.</p> |
| 51 Active Outdoor Recreation Facilities (para. 1) | <p>The 30 to 40 acre gently contoured fields south of the new elementary school site, along Morehouse Road, comprise the best available location for (needed) active recreation facilities needed now and in the future, and should be largely reserved for this purpose.</p> |

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| 57 Historical Sites and Buildings (para. 2) | The Bradley-Hubbell House at 535 Black Rock Road, dating from 1816 and recently restored by the Historical Society of Easton, has recently been designated a (State) National Historic Landmark (by) on recommendation of the Connecticut Historical Commission. |
| 60 Town Appearance | Adopt (Village Districts) plans and design standards for the several existing community centers as proposed in Chapter 10. |
| 70 Recommendations | Such roads as South Park Avenue north of the reservoir dam, Valley Road from Black Rock Road to the Redding line, Orchard Lane, and Morehouse Road from Old Staples School to Beers Road are examples worthy of consideration. |
| 71 An Overview of Easton's Economic Base (note to be added at bottom of p. 71) | Chapter 9 Note: The statistical data on Town finances (Tables 9-1 through 9-5) will be updated to mid-Fiscal-Year 2006-07 for publication in final Town Plan report if available at publication date. |
| 90 Legal Guidelines (para. 2) | Consequently Easton's Plan of Conservation and Development (2005) 2006 is a much more comprehensive document for guidance in reaching the town's future goals. |
| 93 A Twenty-first Century Perspective (para. 1) | Undeveloped land has shrunk from 5,600 acres, 35% of the town, to approximately (2,550) 2,200 acres, only (14%) 12% of the town. As farmland has continued to decline, now only 4.3% of Easton's land area, land in (residential) development has nearly doubled, from 24.2% to 46.7% of town area. Paralleling this growth has been a 38% rise in population , from approximately 5,420 persons in 1975 to about (7,500) 7,600 persons today. Most of (this) Easton's residential growth has occurred in the town's exurban 3-acre lot area. |

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| 97 Historical and Cultural Resources | <i>Strengthen protection of the town's scenic character by enacting design review standards for all public and quasi-public buildings, for specially-designated scenic-protection and historic sites, and for the several (village districts) established centers of the community.</i> (Chapters 7, 10 and Plan Map) |