

Poultney Town Plan 2021 Draft (05-26-21)

Discussion of the former Green Mountain College Campus

The Community // Facilities & Utilities

Goals, Page 30 & 31

2. Partner with current owner(s) of the Green Mountain College campus and other interested adjacent towns to assess demand and maximize the base of potential users of broadband, fiber optic and increased cell phone coverage.
 - a. Work with potential providers to assess demand and identify possible ways of increasing coverage.
3. Partner with new owner of the Green Mountain College campus to advance the town's economic and educational goals.

The Land // Future Land Use

Goals & Action Items, Page 18

1. Maintain the historic character of Poultney Village and Designated Downtown while providing opportunities for social, cultural, and economic diversity.
 - f. Allow the orderly growth and development of the former Green Mountain College property within the context of the Village such that expansion of the property's use does not unduly impact the capacity of community services and facilities.

The Resources // Economy

Goals, Page 25

7. Support the repurposing of the former Green Mountain College campus to provide jobs and increase the economic vitality of the region.

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Future Land Use // General

Goals and Objectives, Page 16

Goal 1: Maintain the historic character of the Village center while providing opportunities for social, cultural, and economic diversity.

Program 6: Allow the orderly growth and development of college-owned property within the context of the Village center such that expansion of the college does not unduly impact the capacity of community services and facilities.

Economic Development

Goals & Objectives, Page 25-26

TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1: Poultney strengthens tourist industry by building on its unique historical and cultural assets.

Tourism Industry Development Program 12: Support promotional programs to increase Poultney's share of retail trade and tourist spending, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Revitalization Committee and Green Mountain College.

JOB RETENTION AND JOB CREATION GOAL 1: To provide permanent, meaningful jobs for residents of Poultney and surrounding towns.

Job Retention and Job Creation Program 3: Work to attract new manufacturers and other businesses that provide employment for college-educated professionals, technical school graduates and skilled workers.

Job Retention and Job Creation Program 8: Foster entrepreneurship, promote small business development, and support new business formation by using the following resources:

- Support plans for a business incubator and entrepreneurial center

CREATIVE ECONOMY* GOAL 1: Expand Poultney's creative economy

Creative Economy Program 5: Pursue practical experience (internships, mentors, etc.) for students interested in pursuing careers in technology, fine arts, and the applied arts through partnerships between Green Mountain College students and artists in the community as well as between Poultney students and Green Mountain College art students.

* Many of these recommendations were adapted from The Vermont Council on Rural Development 2004 Report *Advancing Vermont's Creative Economy*.

Creative Economy Program 6: Promote and support the rehabilitation and use of historic downtown buildings and structures for innovative and creative small businesses and cultural institutions, retail space and services.

Community Facilities and Services // General

Goals and Objectives, Page 29

General Community Facilities and Services Goal 1: Provide adequate community facilities and services to the citizens of Poultney.

General Community Facilities and Services Program 1: Partner with Green Mountain College and other interested adjacent towns to assess demand and maximize the base of potential users of broadband, fiber optic and increased cell phone coverage. Work with potential providers to assess demand and identify possible ways of increasing coverage.

General Community Facilities and Services Program 2: Continue partnering with Green Mountain College to meet the needs of the Town's young adults.

Community Facilities and Services // Education

Goals and Objectives, Page 32

High School Program 6: Explore ways to partner with Green Mountain College in academic opportunities and student mentoring.

Transportation // General

Goals and Objectives, Page 41

Transportation Goal 3: Address parking deficiencies in Village

Transportation Program 2: Increase available parking in Village by:

- Ensuring that increased parking demand by Green Mountain College must be accommodated on campus.

Recreation // General

Goals and Objectives, Page 62

Recreation Goal 1: Increase public participation in recreation programs provided by the Poultney Recreation Commission.

Recreation Program 2: Focus recreational resources on the publicity of current facilities and opportunities. This could include:

2. Increased information for Poultney residents on public use of Green Mountain College facilities