

Adopted Mansfield Town Council Goals and Objectives
(Term 2025-2027)
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Management, Services, and Facilities

- Ensure Adequate Service Delivery Levels for Public Safety Needs
 - Determine and pursue appropriate staffing levels for Fire/EMS.
 - Continue to build staffing resources for Police service delivery needs.

- Prioritize Affordability for Residents and Taxpayers
 - Practice fiscal responsibility and long-term financial sustainability, recognizing the importance of maintaining affordability for taxpayers while providing high-quality municipal services.
 - Monitor intergovernmental revenues and sustain advocacy efforts for PILOT funding at the fully authorized statutory levels.
 - Level or lower the tax burden (total taxes paid) on residents.

- Enhance Customer Service and Employee Diversity
 - Improve and streamline how town staff interact with residents and businesses
 - by making services easier to access
 - by seeking and enacting procedural efficiencies, and
 - by simplifying administrative and regulatory burdens and delays.
 - Ensure that the Town's employee recruitment, retention, and advancement strategies reflect our commitment to promoting diversity within our staff.

- Advance Municipal Facilities Planning and Upgrades
 - Finalize design, funding, and implementation plans for one or more new or upgraded/renovated municipal facilities to meet current and future community needs. Current planning for short and long term renovation or construction projects includes the Bicentennial Pond Bathhouse (replacement), Animal Shelter (replacement), Eagleville Fire Station (replacement at different location), the Senior Center (replacement at different location), Municipal Building (renovation or replacement), and the DPW Garage (replacement).
 - To reduce environmental impacts while gaining immediate and long-term operating cost reductions, renovation and construction projects will aim to model the success of our Net-Zero Mansfield Elementary school.
 - Complete site redevelopment plans for Goodwin and Vinton Schools, including building decommissioning and deconstruction/demolition as necessary.

Community Life and Citizen Engagement

- Enhance Community Representation and Inclusion
 - Cultivate Mansfield's identity as an inclusive and welcoming community and municipal organization for all residents and visitors.
 - Increase positive community engagement and encourage positive interactions both among residents and between residents and Town government.
- Prioritize Affordability of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs
 - Explore and evaluate strategies to improve affordability and to increase public access to Parks and Recreation facilities and programming, including access to the Mansfield Community Center.
- Expand Physical Accessibility to Town Facilities
 - Prioritize design and implementation of universal design standards.

Growth, Planning, and University Relations

- Foster the Expansion of Housing Options to Meet Community Needs
 - Support the development of housing for people of all ages and abilities, and households of all sizes, with a particular emphasis on affordable housing, senior housing, and owner occupied units.
- Address Water Capacity Limitations to Support Responsible Growth
 - Work with UConn, the Connecticut Water Company, and relevant regulatory partners to resolve the pressing issue of Mansfield's water allocation reaching capacity in the northwestern portion of Town. Increasing the Town's water allotment is essential to preventing an otherwise impassable barrier to expanded housing and desired commercial development.
 - Increase advocacy efforts on behalf of the Town's public utility needs, particularly water and sewer needs.
- Expand Multi-Modal Transportation Options
 - Establish a robust network of safe walking and biking routes along major roads and near town destinations by employing Complete Streets design principles where feasible.
- Reaffirm a Positive and Mutually Productive "Town/Gown" Relationship
 - Periodically share the beneficial outcomes of Mansfield/UConn partnerships with the larger community.
 - Enlist UConn's assistance in increasing the number of housing units for the Town's non-student population.
 - Enlist UConn's assistance in pursuing our mutual goal of business development and the establishment of commercial enterprises.
 - Actively seek a shared understanding of the impact that UConn student enrollment growth at the Storrs campus can have on both housing and neighborhoods in Mansfield.