

Although expansion of existing uses and new commercial development is invited and anticipated by most towns, development in Atkinson may be difficult due to the large amount of land devoted to residential development.

**10. Recommendations**

1. The Planning Board encourages cataloging updating of resource and other reference maps including but not limited to conservation lands, wetlands, trails, historic sites, water resources, etc.).
2. To protect the Town and the taxpayers, it is suggested that a tri-town committee (Atkinson, Derry and Hampstead) be established to assess the area surrounding the Island Pond, analyze the associated problems, and develop regulatory solutions to ensure future protection of this important resource.
3. The Planning Board, in conjunction with the Conservation Commission, should research ways to strengthen Atkinson's ordinances and regulations so that appropriate care is taken to preserve natural and environmental resources.
4. The Planning Board should encourage long-term planning for the location of recreational facilities.
5. The Planning Board should encourage a long-term plan for further development of the Town trail system. All developments that potentially contain land usable as part of the town-wide trail system should be encouraged to provide adequate open space easements to allow for the interconnection of the trail system, thereby giving the residents access to the system while protecting areas for parks, recreation, and open spaces of adequate proportions.
6. The Planning Board should continue to closely monitor and evaluate the development of new Town roads in order to insure the harmonious development of the community, and avoid scattered and premature development.
7. The Planning Board will encourage continued use of the Rural Cluster Residential Development ordinance to maximize preservation of valuable land and resources as open space.