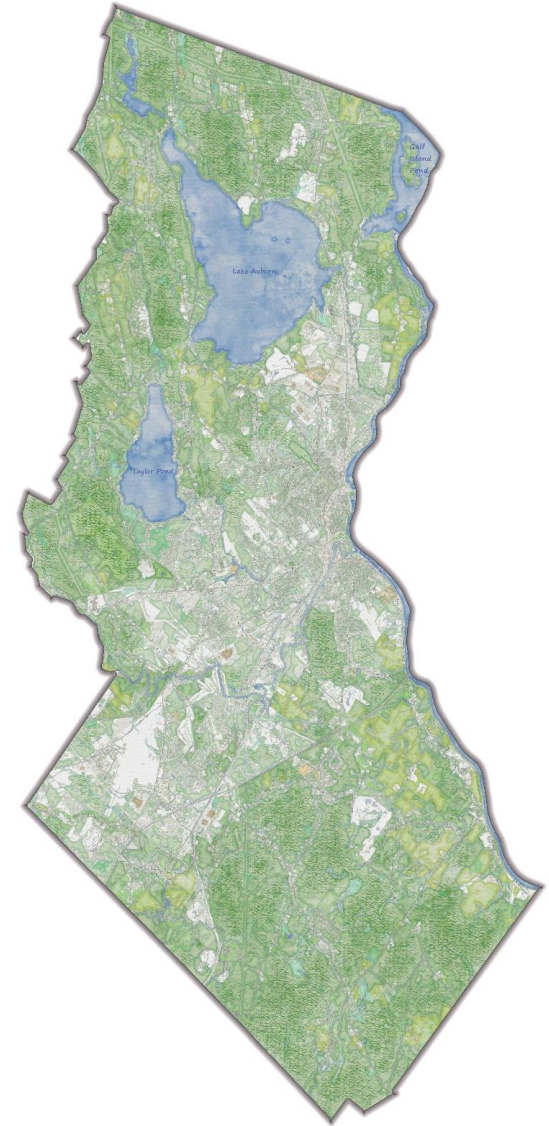


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Comprehensive Plan  
Deliverables: 2021  
Update (Step 2)*

*By the Auburn  
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Committee and City  
Planning & Permitting Staff*

# Deliverables from Update Process

- ❖ Committee Approved Edits to Chapter 1, Section E: Recreation (and Open Space) - *Planning Board Recommendation Expected at July 13, 2021 Meeting*
- ❖ Committee Approved Edits to Chapter 1, Section G: Transportation (New Turnpike Interchange) on June 16, 2021 - *Being Presented Tonight*
- ❖ Committee Approved Chapter 1, Section K: Promoting Food Access and Growing the Agriculture Economy on June 16, 2021 - *New Chapter – Being Presented Tonight*
- ❖ Committee Approved Edits to Chapter 2, Future Land Use Plan (Draft Mapping & Zoning Updates) on June 16, 2021 - *Being Presented Tonight*



# *Transportation*



## Goals:

- ❖ Utilize all roads to support & drive real estate growth patterns
- ❖ Maintain/design a network of safe roads for all Users
- ❖ Maintain and enhance a multi-modal hub

## Highlights:

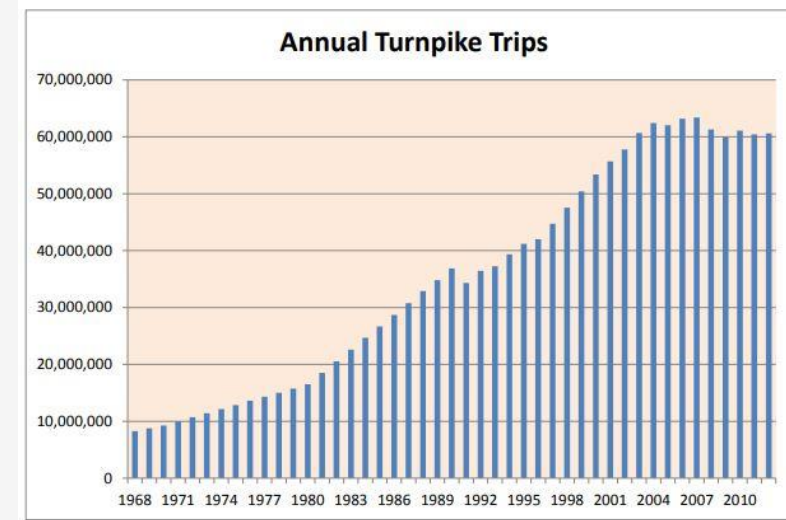
- ❖ Address safety and volume along major travel corridors
- ❖ Improve pedestrian and bicycle access
- ❖ Encourage transportation demand management
- ❖ Provide multiple travel patterns
- ❖ Support MTA & ATRC studies
- ❖ Establish streetscape and site design criteria
- ❖ Define the need for new connectivity
- ❖ Identify connector road network
- ❖ Participate in regional commuter transit programs
- ❖ Expand passenger rail service to Auburn

# Goals of Future Land Use Plan Changes

Study, plan and develop for New Auburn Turnpike Interchange (exit 77) for appropriate access and suitable traffic flow for densely built-up areas



The Vision seeks required planning between the City, MaineDOT, and MTA to ensure Exit 77. Critical first step is to initiate the MTA Interchange Policy.



## Purpose & Need

- ❖ Create critical connectivity
- ❖ Direct access to highway
- ❖ Provide planned in-fill growth
- ❖ Support traditional transportation grid
- ❖ Create gateways to certain parts of the City



# *Promoting Food Access & Growing the Agriculture Economy*

(New Chapter)



## **Goals:**

- ❖ Ensure that fresh, local food is equitably accessible to all, regardless of income or geography.
- ❖ Strengthen and grow Auburns existing subsistence, community and commercial gardening and farming capacity.
- ❖ Facilitate and support the development of processors of all sizes of healthy food, with special focus on developing those that provide a service which is not adequately available within the region (e.g. involves significant transportation distances or time delays).
- ❖ Support food related businesses and initiatives that equitably advance the development of local and regional economies.



# *Goals of Future Land Use Plan Changes*

- ❖ **Allow for additional flexibility in zoning**
  - ❖ **Reduce the number of districts**
  - ❖ **Attract new residents / workforce**
  - ❖ **Ensure equitable access to all housing types**
  - ❖ **Maximize use of existing and expanded infrastructure**
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7.2 Dwelling Units Per Acre



16 Dwelling Units Per Acre



7) CHANGE CURRENT AG. STRIP LANDLOCKED AREA ALONG THE TURNPIKE TO SUBURBAN RES.

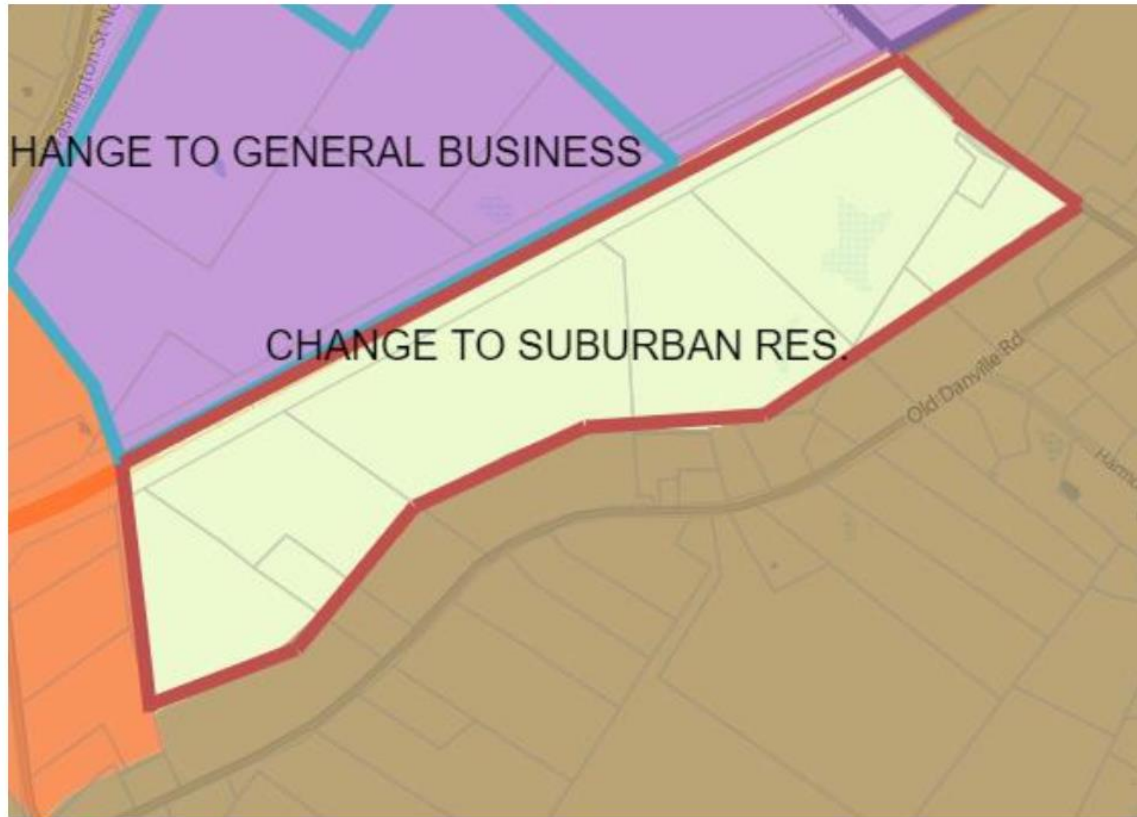
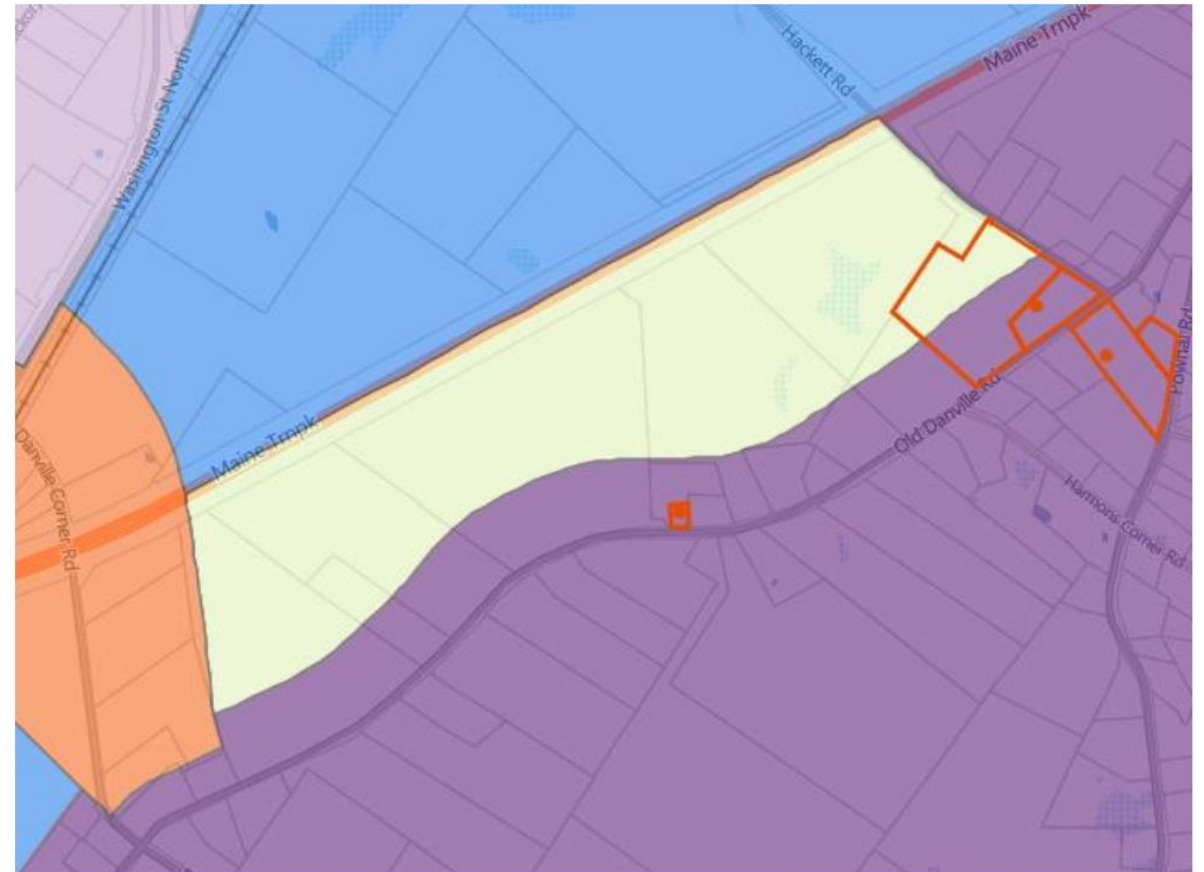


Figure 7: Change from Ag. Land Lockaed Area to Suburban Residential (Maybe)??



As a model of carefully managed growth, Auburn seeks to **grow outward from the historic cores within our city** and be known for its **strong, vibrant neighborhoods**. The city is committed to making careful, effective, and **efficient use of land and corresponding services, while strengthening the character of our neighborhoods**, ensuring that resources exist to maintain and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents. Auburn's continued commitment to **strong community connections**, embracing opportunity, and mindful growth should be **balanced with natural resource conservation** and woven into the city's unique identity

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# *Required Public Process*

- Council Workshop (typical but optional)
  - **Planning Board Public Hearing and recommendation to Council– WE ARE HERE**
  - Council Public Hearing and First Reading
  - State Review of amendments for finding of consistency with Informed Growth Act
  - Council Second and Final Reading
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## Additional Public Engagement

Planning Board  
Public Hearing  
(Transportation,  
Recreation and  
Tourism, Future  
Land Use, Food  
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# *Next Steps*

*We recommend the City Council vote to send these three chapters to the Planning Board to begin the process of creating a recommendation at their July 13, 2021 meeting.*

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MAP LINK:

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