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To the Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Officials, and to all Residents of Town of Willington:

This document provides a comprehensive review of the Town of Willington: its unique natural resources, its scenic and nurturing landscape, its rich culture and history, its ever-growing capital assets and development status, and the interesting demography of its residents.

It is a Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD) that attempts to balance preservation and growth, conservation and development. It establishes goals, objectives, recommendations and strategies on important, interrelated elements that together determine the environmental health, visual character, and economic strength of the community. As such, this Plan is intended to serve as a guide and “toolbox” to help the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) and other town agencies and officials shape and influence conservation and development policies over the next ten years.

The PoCD Committee has worked tirelessly over the past three+ years to develop this Plan. The wisdom and strength of this Plan, however, is not simply due to the dedicated efforts of the Committee and insightful input by town officials; it is due, in large part, to extensive involvement by the public. This involvement was by virtue of concerted outreach efforts that included intensive Study Circles, numerous public workshops and interviews of key stakeholders. This Plan, therefore, has been developed from the collaborative efforts of a representative cross-section of the Town’s residents.

We encourage the PZC to adopt this Plan, and we trust that the townspeople will endorse it at Town Meeting. Further, we hope that Willington’s residents will continue to play an active role in seeing that its ideas and recommendations are implemented. Only then can we find that balance of conservation, preservation, growth and development to maintain and enhance the quality of life of all residents, present and future.

Sincerely,

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