Outreach, Engagement & Education

* Increase efforts to engage and inform the community of flood hazards, vulnerability, and opportunities to increase resilience.

Master Plan

* Integrate sea level rise impacts in the Comprehensive Master Plan and identify strategies for effectively responding to sea level rise and encouraging development in safe areas.
* Support an Implementation Committee to follow up on recommendations of the Master Plan.

Ordinances, Regulations & Policies

* Develop a new coastal hazard overlay district with regulations to control development in vulnerable areas.
* Review the Floodplain Ordinance and draft amendments to reduce vulnerability to flooding.
* Restructure the development project review process to increase awareness of flood vulnerability.
* Explore options to use land use ordinances and regulations to encourage and incentivize development in areas that are not vulnerable to current or future flooding, while discouraging development in areas that are vulnerable to current or future flooding.
* Allow parking in municipal parking lots when tides are in excess of 9.5 feet, as opposed to 10.0 feet.
* Continue to pursue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

Projects and Studies

* Future modeling efforts and studies should build off findings of the flood engineering studies and Master Plan.
* Conduct an assessment to better understand and plan for the economic impacts (development, tourism, tax base, etc.) of sea level rise.
* Start a visioning process to think about the long-term future of areas that are anticipated to be impacted by sea level rise.
* Prioritize land conservation efforts in areas that can support marshes in the future.
* Look for and apply for funding to continue engineering and hydrogeological studies and address flooding and drainage issues.
* Identify funding sources to build town-wide flood resilience. Funding sources may include a dedicated local fund.
* Projects in the Capital Improvement Plan should identify and account for climate change impacts.

Capacity

* Hire a full time Community Resilience & Floodplain Administrator staff position.

Disclosure

* Advocate options to require flood risk disclosure, including, but not limited, to statewide legislation that requires that current and future flood risk is disclosed so that future owners are aware of the potential risk.