

3.9. Goal – Encourage and strengthen agricultural and forest industries.

Policy: Continue our current strategy that protects the long-term viability of agricultural and forest lands through our Rural and Conservation zoning districts that require low density development.

Policy: Encourage economic development that facilitates the manufacture and marketing of value added agricultural and forest products.

Policy: Encourage the use and purchase of locally-grown food products through local farmer’s markets, community-supported agriculture, and other means.

Policy: Encourage land owners to use sound forest and agricultural management practices.

Policy: Recognize and minimize the potential impacts and development pressure on agricultural and forest lands during capital planning and public investment enterprises.

3.10. Goal – Apply for a Village Center designation in the St Albans Bay village area.

Policy: Continue the traditional village settlement pattern comprised of a cohesive mix of residential, religious, commercial, recreational, educational, and mixed use buildings, arranged along main streets, major connectors, and intersecting side streets that are within walking distance for residents and visitors to the core area of St Albans Bay.

Policy: Apply for designation as a Village Center under the Vermont Designated Village Centers Program in the Division for Community Planning and Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Policy: Recognize, encourage, and utilize the benefits available under the Vermont village center designation program that supports local revitalization efforts by providing technical assistance and state funding to help designated municipalities build strong communities.