



Zoning Ordinance/ Land Development Regulations

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

The Post Road Corridor in North Kingstown, Rhode Island is the primary transit connection between historic Wickford Village and the East Greenwich Village Center. This corridor is characterized by outdated auto-dependent commercial development that provides little to no opportunity for pedestrian connections along the entire four-mile strip. The Horsley Witten Group, Inc. (HW) worked with the Town to implement a three-year outreach and revision process for their Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

Revisions provided by HW included:

- A new high-density mixed use “Post Road Zoning District” including administrative processes and updates to groundwater protection standards;
- Standards for pedestrian and automotive connectivity between sites;
- The development of illustrated design guidelines for the Post Road Zoning District;
- The adoption of Rhode Island’s first Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program designed to provide aggressive incentives for preserving forest and farmland;
- Incentive based zoning for affordable housing;
- Detailed standards for sustainable landscaping town-wide; and
- Innovative approaches to parking standards town-wide.

The Town of North Kingstown received the Rhode Island APA Chapter’s award for “Outstanding Plan Implementation” in 2008 and 2009 for the Post Road District zoning.

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