

Portsmouth Listens



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Diversity

- Trained workforce
- Housing
- Zoning
- Transportation
- Arts & Culture
- Education



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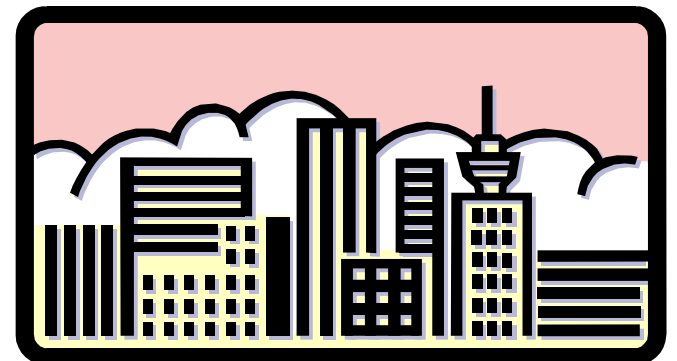
Trained Workforce

- Perceived deficiency in quality and quantity of workforce in
 - entry level high-tech and
 - new emerging biological fields.
- Catch-22



Housing

- Residential housing at Pease
- Reuse existing unused public buildings
- Developers contribute \$ to city fund
- Consider needs of current and future seniors



Zoning

- Articulate and communicate vision
- Mixed use
- Coordinate and collaborate with neighboring towns




Transportation



- Increased awareness of existing public transportation
- Public campaign to combat driver mindset
- Ticket-style downtown parking
- Advocate for EZ Pass for tollbooths

Arts & Culture

- Arts - vital role in creating the Portsmouth we enjoy today
- Culture - The Farmer's Market



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- Role in helping to create workforce
- Improved cooperative education process
- Tracking
- Technology