



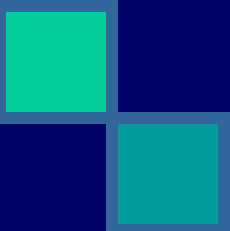

**Portsmouth Listens
Study Circle #17 - Bridge**



Summary Presentation
Presented April 3, 2003
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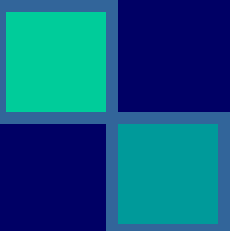



Introduction

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- We believe the key to Portsmouth's future is to build on its success — not to succumb to it
 - Our focus should be to ensure that Portsmouth remain a desirable place to live, as well as to visit
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Major Themes

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- 1. Housing** — Portsmouth is a highly desirable place to live
 - 2. Downtown** — vibrant heart of our city
 - 3. City Services and Communication** — high quality, wide array
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Housing

High property taxes

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Housing supply not well
matched to the economic
diversity of residents

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Tough situation for many



Recommendation: Offer property owners /
landlords education and incentives to make
affordable options a real possibility



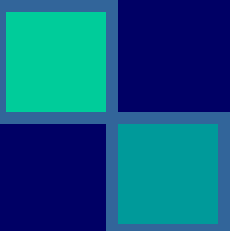

Downtown

- Not as resident friendly as it could be
 - Necessary services diminishing
 - New construction threatening historic character
 - Chains displacing local businesses
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Recommendation: Expand vision of Downtown to include Islington St. to South St. and the North End



City Services


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- Primary Issues:
 - Lack of Awareness
 - Inaccessible or Inconvenient
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Recommendation #1



Portsmouth, NH
Directory of
City Resources
and Services

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- Widely available
 - Distributed to new homeowners, renters, and workers




Recommendation #2



Portsmouth, NH
Directory of
City Resources
and Services

**Chapter 2:
Rumor vs. Reality
Website**

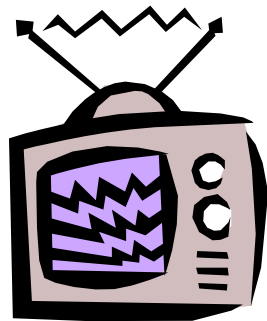
www.portsmouth.com/rumorreality

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- Interactive on-line community
 - Post questions and concerns
 - City officials have opportunity to answer questions and offer input

Recommendation #3

Portsmouth, NH
Directory of
City Resources
and Services

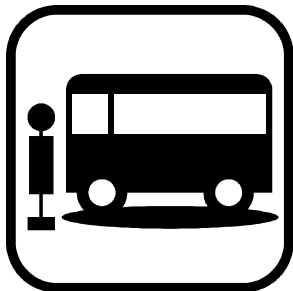
Chapter 3:
Local Access Cable



- Truly interactive
- Solicits and encourages local programming

Recommendation #4

Portsmouth, NH
Directory of
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and Services
Chapter 4:
Transportation



Total Plan

- Bike Paths
- Buses / Trolleys
- Parking
- Walking