WESTERLY
2016 DATA POINTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

REQUIREMENT 1.3 Include a demographic profile of the municipality, including breakdowns of population race, ethnicity, education, income and age.

RACE	POPULATION[1]	% OF POPULATION
White	21,349	94.1%
Black or African American	198	0.9%
American Indian & Alaskan Native	215	0.9%
Asian	573	2.5%
Native Hawiian & Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	58	0.3%
Two or More Races	290	1.3%
TOTAL	*22,683*	

ETHNICITY	POPULATION[1]	% OF POPULATION
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	441	1.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	22,242	98.1%
TOTAL	*22,683*	

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	POPULATION 25-YEARS & OLDER[2]	% OF POPULATION 25-YEARS & OLDER
Less than 9th grade	438	2.7%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,258	7.6%
High School Diploma or GED Equivalency	4,747	28.8%
Completed Some College	2,873	17.5%
Associate Degree	1,946	11.8%
Bachelor's Degree	3,264	19.8%
Master's Degree	1,652	10.0%
Professional Degree	193	1.2%
Doctorate Degree	88	0.5%
TOTAL	*16,459*	

Median Household Income: **$61,500[3]**

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	HOUSEHOLDS[3]	% OF OCCUPIED HOUSEHOLDS
Less than $10,000	449	4.7%
$10,000 to $14,999	406	4.2%
$15,000 to $24,999	1,026	10.7%
$25,000 to $34,999	795	8.3%
$35,000 to $49,999	1,267	13.2%
$50,000 to $74,999	1,841	19.1%
$75,000 to $99,999	1,202	12.5%
$100,000 to $149,999	1,420	14.8%
$150,000 to $199,999	711	7.4%
$200,000 or more	501	5.2%
TOTAL	*9,618*	

AGE	POPULATION[1]	% OF POPULATION
Under 5 years	1,128	5.0%
5 to 9 years	1,230	5.4%
10 to 14 years	1,059	4.7%
15 to 19 years	1,450	6.4%
20 to 24 years	1,357	6.0%
25 to 34 years	2,626	11.6%
35 to 44 years	2,473	10.9%
45 to 54 years	3,237	14.3%
55 to 59 years	1,939	8.5%
60 to 64 years	1,633	7.2%
65 to 74 years	2,341	10.3%
75 to 84 years	1,379	6.1%
85 years & over	831	3.7%
TOTAL	*22,683*	

REQUIREMENT 1.4 Include a 20-year population projection.[4]

2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
22,885	23,198	23,425	23,523	23,466

REQUIREMENT 5.1 Provide an overview of the existing housing context by including the following data points:

a. Existing housing units, both the number and the relative trend in housing development over the past 10 or more years

> *Number of existing housing units:* **12,388**[5]
> *Relative trend in housing development since 2000:* **Increase of 1,096 units**[6]

b. Occupied and vacant housing units, both the number and as a percentage of total housing units[5]

> *Occupied housing units:* **9,618** *or* **77.6%** *of total housing units*
> *Vacant housing units:* **2,770** *or* **22.4%** *of total housing units*

c. Year-round, seasonal, single-family and multi-family housing units, both the number and as a percentage of total housing units[7]

> *Year-round housing units:* **10,488** *or* **84.7%** *of total housing units*
> *Seasonal housing units:* **1,900** *or* **15.3%** *of total housing units*

> *Single-family housing units:* **8,490** *or* **68.5%** *of total housing units*
> *Multi-family housing units:* **3,865** *or* **31.2%** *of total housing units*
> *Other types of housing units:* **33** *or* **0.3%** *of total housing units*

d. Owner-occupied and rental units, both the number and as a percentage of occupied housing units[5]

> *Owner-occupied housing units:* **6,065** *or* **63.1%** *of occupied housing units*
> *Rental housing units:* **3,553** *or* **36.9%** *of occupied housing units*

e. Median age of housing units[8]

> *Median year built:* **1968**
> *Median age:* **48 years**

f. Number of single-family and multi-family units constructed each year for the past 10 or more years

> *to be determined using local data*

g. The current median home sale price, and the general trend in home sales prices over the past 10 or more years[9]

YEAR END	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016
MEDIAN SALES PRICE	$162,330	$335,000	$276,750	$284,500	$290,000

h. The median monthly rental price for one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom rental units, and the general trend in rental prices over the past 10 or more years[10]

	MEDIAN RENTAL PRICE		
YEAR	1-Bedroom Unit	2-Bedroom Unit	3-Bedroom Unit
2016	$1,062	$1,315	$1,606
2015	$1,030	$1,227	$1,581
2014	$955	$1,167	$1,451
2015	$920	$1,100	$1,324
2012	$874	$1,123	$1,351
2011	$876	$1,191	$1,448
2010	$970	$1,109	$1,503
2009	$922	$1,166	$1,406
2008	$905	$1,184	$1,421
2007	$924	$1,110	$1,393
2006	$920	$1,104	$1,306
2005			

REQUIREMENT 5.3 Include the following data points related to housing affordability:

a. Number of households within the community that are housing cost-burdened, meaning that they are paying more than 30% of their income on housing, also as a percentage of total households[11]

> *Number of cost-burdened households:*   **3,369** *or* **35.2%** *of total households*

b. Number of households within the community that are severely housing cost-burdened, meaning that they are paying more than 50% of their income on housing, also as a percentage of total households[11]

> *Number of severly cost-burdened households:*   **1,369** *or* **14.3%** *of total households*

c. Number of LMI households that are housing cost-burdened, also as a percentage of total LMI households[11]

> *Number of LMI cost-burdened households:*   **2,520** *or* **64.9%** *of total LMI households*

d. Number of LMI households that are severely housing cost-burdened, also as a percentage of total LMI households[11]

> *Number of LMI severely cost-burdened households:*   **1,215** *or* **31.3%** *of total LMI households*

e.   Number of cost-burdened LMI households that are currently renting, also as a percentage of total cost-burdened LMI households[11]

> *Number of LMI cost-burdened households that are renting:*   **1,494** *or* **59.3%** *of total LMI cost-burdened households*

f.   Number of cost-burdened LMI households that own their home, also as a percentage of total cost-burdened LMI households[11]

> *Number of LMI cost-burdened households that own their home:*   **1,025** *or* **40.7%** *of total LMI cost-burdened households*

REQUIREMENT 5.5B Demonstrate how one of the mandated low- and moderate-income thresholds will be met, by including:

i.   The existing number of LMI housing units (the number of low- and moderate-income (LMI) housing units that currently exist within the municipality, also as a percentage of the total number of year-round housing units within the municipality)[12]

> *Number of LMI housing units:*   **538** *or* **5.1%** *of total year-round housing units*

ii.   The existing number of LMI housing units by population served (the current number of LMI housing units within the municipality designed to serve families, the elderly and those with special needs, also as percentages of the total LMI housing units within the municipality) [12]

> *"Family" LMI housing units:*   **104** *or* **19.3%** *of LMI housing units*
> *"Elderly" LMI housing units:*   **359** *or* **66.7%** *of LMI housing units*
> *"Other" LMI housing units:*   **75** *or* **13.9%** *of LMI housing units*

iii.   The 10% threshold (the number representing 10% of the existing year-round housing stock)[13]

> *Number of year-round housing units:*   10,488
> *10% threshold:*   **1,049 units** *(10,488* 10%)*

iv.   The existing deficit (the gap between the 10% threshold and the number of LMI housing units that currently exist within the community) [14]

> *Deficit between 10% threshold and existing LMI units:*   **511 units**

v.   The forecasted 10% threshold (the number representing 10% of the forecasted housing units either at the end of the 20-year planning horizon or at build-out)

> *20-year population projection*   23,523[4]
> *Average household size:*   2.32[15]
> *20-year housing unit projection:*   10,139[16]
> *Forecasted 10% threshold*   **1,014**[17]

vi. The forecasted deficit (the gap between the existing LMI housing units and the forecasted threshold)

> *Deficit between forecasted 10% threshold and existing LMI units:* **476 units**[18]

REQUIREMENT 11.2J Assess the community's transportation system by including the following data points:

i. The percentage of the population that lives in a household without a private vehicle

> *Total number of housing units without access to a private vehicle* 693[19]
> *Average household size:* 2.32[15]
> *Total population that lives in a household without a private vehicle:* **1,608** *or* **7.2%**[20] *of the population*

ii. The percentage of the working population that use public transit for commuting purposes[21]

> *Number of workers, age 16-years and older* 11,081
> *Number of workers using public transit for commuting:* 103 *or* **0.9%** *of the working population*

iii. The percentage of the working population that bike or walk for commuting purposes[21]

> *Number of workers, age 16-years and older* 11,081
> *Number of workers that walk or bike for commuting:* 316 *or* **2.9%** *of the working population*

DATA SOURCES

[1] 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) DP05
[2] 2015 ACS B15003
[3] 2015 ACS DP03
[4] RI SPP 20-year population projections, available at http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/popprojections.php
[5] 2015 ACS DP04
[6] 2000 Census H001
[7] 2010 Census DP-1 and 2015 ACS DP04; percent of seasonal housing units from 2010 Census (15.3%) applied to 2015 ACS total housing unit figure
[8] 2015 ACS B25035
[9] Home sales statistics from riliving.com
[10] 2-bedroom rent statistics from HousingWorks RI; all others from Rhode Island Housing rent survey
[11] 2013 American Housing Survey (AHS), queried at http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/data_querytool_chas.html
[12] Rhode Island Housing, Low- and Moderate-Income Homes by Community chart, available at http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/filelibrary/2015_LowModChart_ShortForm_FINAL.pdf

[13] Calculated using the year-round housing unit figure found in Requirement 5.1c
[14] Calculated by subtracting the existing number of LMI housing units (Requirement 5.5b.i.) from the 10% threshold (Requirement 5.5b.iii)
[15] 2015 ACS B25010
[16] Calculated by dividing the 20-year population projection by the average household size
[17] Calculated by multiplying the 20-year housing unit projection by 10%
[18] Calculated by subtracting the existing number of LMI housing units (Requirement 5.5b.i) from the forecasted 10% threshold (Requirement 5.5b.v)
[19] 2015 ACS B25008
[20] 2015 ACS DP04 used for number of occupied housing units
[21] 2015 ACS B08301