

**1. Insert in the Introduction after the sentence, “It is important for the citizens of Newark to understand that this Newark Town Plan does not represent or include zoning bylaws or development regulations.”**

It is also important for the residents of Newark to know that all energy generation and transmission development that are linked to the electrical grid are approved and regulated by the State of Vermont through the Public Service Board under Act 30 V.S.A. Section 248. Town participation in the State’s review process and current Town goals and objectives is the best way to ensure that the Town of Newark’s goals and objectives are considered and weighed by the Public Service Board during the decision process.

**2. Replace this paragraph in the Environmental section:**

While the town knows of no plans for major development within Newark, significant development is being planned in neighboring towns. The effects of this development could spill over into Newark. Since most area towns regulate development more strictly than Newark, Newark could find itself home to types of development that surrounding towns find undesirable. These developments could threaten the environment and quality of life that Newark residents value.

**With this paragraph:**

The town is concerned about plans for major development within Newark and in neighboring towns. Since most area towns regulate development more strictly than Newark, Newark may find itself vulnerable to types of development that surrounding towns find undesirable. These developments could threaten the environment and quality of life that Newark residents value.

**3. Insert in the Environmental section after the paragraph that starts, “The town’s goal is to assure...”**

While it is the intention of the citizens of Newark to preserve the scenic beauty and quality of wildlife habitat in all areas of the town, lands that the town places special value upon for scenic, wildlife, and recreational importance include:

- The ridgeline historically known as Hogback Mountain, which consists of Walker Mountain, Hawk Rock, and Packer Mountain
- The high-elevation areas along Newark Street, Abbott Hill Road, Pinnacle Road, Spruce Ridge Road, Maple Ridge Road, and Kinney Hill Road
- The town’s ponds including Newark Pond, Center Pond, Beck Pond, Walker Pond, Sawdust Pond, and Brown Pond
- The towns rivers and streams including the East and West Branch of the Passumpsic, Bean Brook, Sleeper Brook as well as the smaller tributaries, wetlands, and vernal pools

These natural resources provide economic, recreational, and aesthetic benefits to both residents and visitors. Development that would compromise these benefits is inappropriate and inconsistent with the town's vision and goals.

**4. Insert into the Sensitive Wildlife Habitat section after the paragraph that starts, "Newark contains many areas that are environmentally sensitive."**

Newark values its ridgelines and other high elevation areas and recognizes the great importance of these areas to both resident and migratory wildlife. Therefore commercial and industrial development at elevations greater than 1700 feet should be strictly avoided. The town discourages land development including the construction of roads and extension of utilities at these elevations with the exception of activities related to non-commercial recreation, forest management, camps, and single-family residences.

**5. Replace the following paragraph in the Energy section:**

Newark residents have expressed concern over the impact of industrial development, fearing that it could destroy the character of the town. Therefore the town should exercise caution in considering power generation facilities and major transmission lines in the town.

**with the following:**

Newark residents have expressed concern over the impact of industrial development, fearing that it could destroy the character of the town. Therefore, industrial-scale power generation and transmission facilities are inappropriate in the town. This includes, but is not limited to, industrial-scale wind turbines and their associated transmission facilities. Development of industrial wind turbines generally occurs at higher elevations—often along ridgelines. In Newark, these areas are among the town's most sensitive ecological areas; most wild and unfragmented lands; and most prominent aesthetic landmarks, highly visible from conservation lands, scenic roads, and dwellings. Such facilities are inconsistent with the town's vision and goals.

**6. Replace the following bullet in the Energy section:**

Evaluate plans to locate industrial size generation and transmission facilities in Newark with extreme caution.

**With the following:**

Oppose plans to locate industrial scale generation and transmission facilities in Newark.

**7. Insert into the Commercial section:**

Residents of the Northeast Kingdom view the rural character of the region, its natural resources, and its large tracts of undeveloped land as its most valuable resource and vital to an economic future that is most compatible with their lifestyles, sensibilities, and preferences. The Town of Newark encourages development that preserves and makes use of these economic drivers, respects the natural environment, and improves the well-being of residents. The town regards development that would compromise the rural character of the town, its natural resources, and its large tracts of undeveloped land as inappropriate and inconsistent with the town's vision and goals.

The Town of Newark supports the NVDA's efforts to develop industrial parks that provide the infrastructure and services required for industrial development in the region. The town supports the NVDA's efforts to promote industrial development in these areas.

The Town of Newark regards large-scale industrial development as inappropriate within the town, preferring instead to support the NVDA's development efforts. In addition, Newark regards commercial or industrial structures that exceed 125 feet in height as inappropriate and inconsistent with the town's vision and goals.