The Vision for the West Side

- The land will reach a stable balance among uses
- Large areas of land will remain undeveloped, preserved in linked patterns that encompass non-profit ownership, public land, and portions of private property
- New developments will be designed to preserve the character
 of the landscape, conceal many of the new buildings from
 prominent vantage points, and use emerging techniques to
 dramatically diminish impacts relative to previous practices
- The West Side's agricultural land will be maintained in the future as long and as much as possible
- New residential development will be limited to types of housing that clearly contribute to the Island's needs, economic circumstances, and townscape
- Retail development will be constrained to re-development and improvements to previously developed areas
- The Pell Bridge ramps and the area around them will be transformed into an attractive mixed-use district

- The West Side will host several sites along the Newport Bristol "Heritage Corridor' - using a system of signage and interpretive enhancements that links the past to the present
- Moving along the West Main Road network will be safer and more pleasant
- The Defense Highway will be converted into Shoreline Drive—a
 pleasant and useful alternative route for some of the Island's
 employees, visitors, and residents
- Getting to, from, and along Narragansett Bay will be improved
- Pedestrian trails and bicycle paths will extend along the entire West Side, linking amenities and crossing through natural areas
- The utility infrastructure will efficiently and equitably provide services to any of the land uses that the communities deem appropriate for the West Side
- Natural and man-made hazards will be minimized, and to the extent possible, controlled

PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

