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Make Littleton the preferred White Mountain destination for recreation, services, shopping, and living by carefully balancing growth and quality of life issues.

Littleton is a small, but fully functional regional center, located north and west of the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountains. It provides a full range of economic services and activities: manufacturing, retail, service, tourism, and resource-based jobs. It is a regional health center. Littleton provides economic opportunities for a variety of skill levels, as well as educational and training services. It commits to working to sustain this mix, and of retaining its role as a major employment center.

Littleton has a quality of life that is engaging. This is a place where neighbors know neighbors, where people volunteer, and where those volunteers make a difference. Littleton has a strong, vibrant Main Street, with interesting architecture and attractive stores, and cultural opportunities. Its post office, churches, and town offices are on Main Street. It commits to seeking out ways to retain and enhance all of these elements, and the public spaces that enhance them.

Littleton and its citizens are a pro-active community. They invest in their future while celebrating their heritage and past, as seen in such projects as the Main Street improvement program, the mill restoration project, the Riverwalk along the Ammonoosuc River, and the industrial park. Littleton has a tradition of being a welcoming community for businesses, for tourists, and for new residents alike. It commits to continuing those traditions of industriousness in public and private endeavors.

Littleton values its resources and attempts to use them wisely, whether they be level land suitable for development, open space and natural resources worthy of preservation, its scenic views and vistas, or its friendly small town atmosphere. It commits to working to protect all of these, and fostering development in a manner which encourages open space preservation.

Littleton values its mix of people, and their variety of skills, of interests, and of income levels. It commits to retaining those attributes in a way to make all of its residents proud of their community, and their community proud of them.