Municipal Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Annual Report

Name of Municipality: Town of Bowers, Inc.

Date of Plan Certification: 5/15/2009   Date of Report: August 13, 2015

In accordance with 22 Del. C. §702 (g) Municipalities shall provide to the Office of State Planning Coordination a report describing implementation of their comprehensive plan and identifying development issues, trends* or conditions since the plan was last adopted or amended. The report shall be due annually no later than July 1.

*Please note that the development trends data is provided twice to further supplement this requirement. Please contact the Office of State Planning Coordination with questions regarding development trends or this annual report.

1. **Please review the recommendations, goals and implementation items within your comprehensive plan and Please indicate which items are complete, underway, or not yet started. Also please include any other comments you may wish to add.**

   We have secured funding for the engineered drainage flood mitigation projects that are in various phases of development through USDA, DNREC, and DELDOT. We are constantly revisiting our Comp Plan to position the Town as a premier access point for ecotourism under the Delaware Bayshore Initiative. There are two major annual events in Bowers that support our ecotourism initiative: the Buccaneer Bash in May and Big Thursday in October. These events draw thousands of people to our town where they enjoy the charm of one of the last active commercial fishing village in the State of Delaware while learning about our history by seeing it happen in from of them. One learning opportunity is to take our "walking tour" which includes printed directions to historical locations they can walk to (or drive). The directions also include a brief story about each location and its importance to our history. This year we had our first SK run with approximately 80 athletes. We are in the discussion phase of planning an annual fishing tournament - maybe surf fishing or maybe fishing in the bay. We would also like to begin discussions about a bicycle ride event, similar to the Amish Tour, but with a Delaware Bayshore focus. The Town has expanded its business district and is also working with the state to repurpose the existing parking areas. Preliminary plans have been developed by DNREC. Bowers is also engaged in the Coastal Byways.

2. **Please highlight any significant accomplishments development issues, trends or conditions since the plan was last adopted or amended that may either have enhanced or hindered the implementation of your plan. These accomplishments may be used in the annual report to the Governor.**

   New jetty walls and beach replenishment have been delayed, but are on track for fall/winter 2015-2016 with funding in place There has been material progress on bike paths and walkways though they are well into the conceptual phase.

3. **Are there any planning issues that the municipality is currently facing Do you anticipate any comprehensive plan changes for which the Office of State Planning Coordination may be able to offer technical assistance? If yes, please describe below.**

There are no issues or anticipated changes at this time

4. **Please help update our mailing list by supplying the following information:**

Vice Mayor: Ada Puzzo   e-mail address: adaleecarter@comcast.net

City/Town Manager: n/a   e-mail address: _____

Planning Director: n/a   e-mail address: _____

Town/City Clerk: n/a   e-mail address: _____

Council/Commission Members:

Ada Puzzo, Robert McDevitt, Helena Hannah, Diane Yeisley

Planning Commission Members:

Robert McDevitt, Judy Martin, Steve Keoner, Anthony Albano, Jeff Aughey

On behalf of the Town of Bower Beach, I respectfully submit this comprehensive plan annual report to the Office of State Planning Coordination. The information contained in the report is correct and complete.

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Signature of Vice (Acting) Mayor   **Date**

_____Ada Puzzo_____
Printed Name of Vice (Acting) Mayor