

ROCKPORT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Organizational Mandate	Strategic Goals	Strategic Objectives
<p>Protect Rockport’s water, land, air & forests</p>	<p>i. Conduct and support research required to effectively protect and manage Rockport’s natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify critical research needs; reevaluate periodically; b) Identify and pursue opportunities for external funding, such as grants and foundations, to support research; c) Collect and analyze water quality information for both fresh and coastal waters; d) Participate in state and regional research programs that add value to Rockport’s efforts;
	<p>II. Inform the public about ongoing and planned efforts to protect and manage Rockport’s natural resources; provide information about the role the public can play in such efforts and; receive the public’s input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify and pursue opportunities for external, such as grants and foundations, funding to support public outreach; b) Conduct forums, workshops, fairs and/or public meetings on relevant topics; c) Engage or partner with regional, local and civic organizations; d) Engage local students and teachers; e) Provide informational materials to the public; f) Identify critical education and outreach needs; g) Enlist experts, when needed, to inform the public.
	<p>III. Make recommendations to appropriate town bodies as to how best to effectively protect and manage of Rockport’s natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide input to the TOR Annual Report b) Produce reports summarizing research findings and/or input from other TOR entities, the public and/or subject matter experts; c) Participate in or lead SB workshops on topics of interest; d) Conduct or participate in joint meetings with other TOR committees as appropriate; e) Enlist experts, when needed, to inform the town government.