NEXT STEPS 15

The Plan of Conservation and Development has been prepared to meet the challenges that will confront the Town of Orange in the future. The Plan is intended as a guide to be followed in order to enhance the quality of life and community character. It is intended to be flexible in order to allow adjustments in the manner that specific goals and objectives are achieved while maintaining stability in the long-term goals of the community. Still, the most important step of the planning process is implementation of the recommendations.

During the next few years, some of the goals will be achieved, some circumstances will undoubtedly change, and some conditions may arise that will suggest that it is time to reconsider some of the Plan recommendations. Such situations are to be expected. Programs that help achieve community consensus, establish community goals, and promote community welfare will all turn out to be positive steps in the history of Orange.

Conservation

Development

Infrastructure

Future Land Use Plan

The recommendations of the Plan can be combined to present an overall Future Land Use Plan for Orange. The Future Land Use Plan is a reflection of the stated goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Plan as well as an integration of the preceding elements of the Plan of Conservation and Development. In essence, the Future Land Use Plan is a statement of what the Orange of tomorrow should look like.

Natural Resources / Open Space

- Existing Open Space Areas
- Natural Resource Constraints
- Watercourses

Residential Areas

- Low Density Residential Areas
- Existing Multi-Family Development
- Possible Housing Diversity Areas

Business Areas

- Neighborhood Business
- Commercial
- Business / Commercial
- Business / Industrial

Community Facility / Institutional

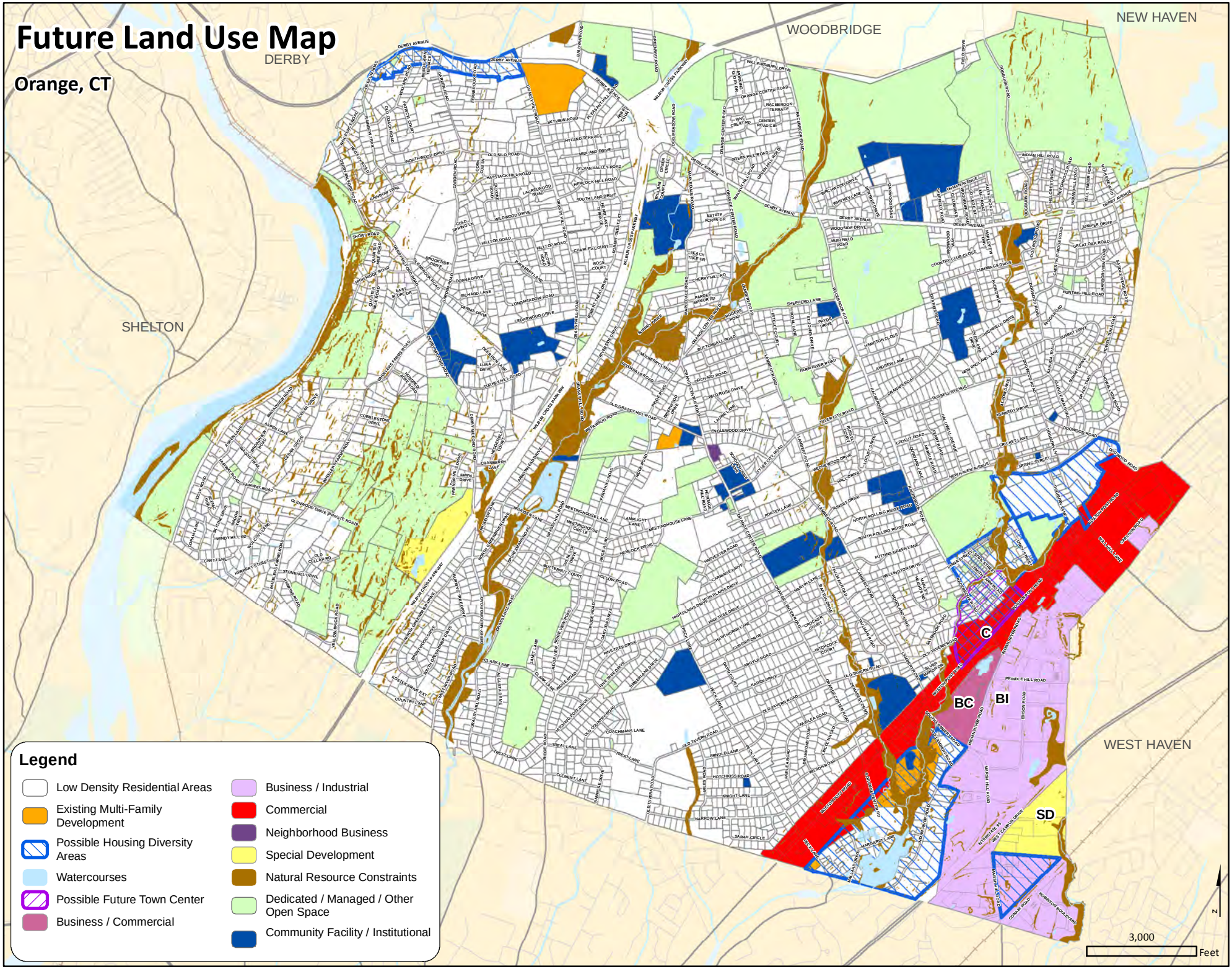
- Community Facility / Institutional

Other Areas

- Special Development
- Transit-Oriented Overlay
- Possible Future Town Center

Future Land Use Map

Orange, CT



State Plan Categories

- Municipal Boundaries
- Busway Stations
- Rail Stations
- Ferry
- Sea Ports
- Rail Lines
- Ferry Service

Airports

- Commercial Service
- General Aviation
- Reliever

Primary Highways

- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route

- Regional Centers
- Water
- Protected Lands
- Local Historic Districts
- Village Priority Funding Area
- Balanced Priority Funding Area
- Undesignated Lands

Priority Funding Areas

- 1-2 Criteria
- 3-4 Critera
- 5 Criteria

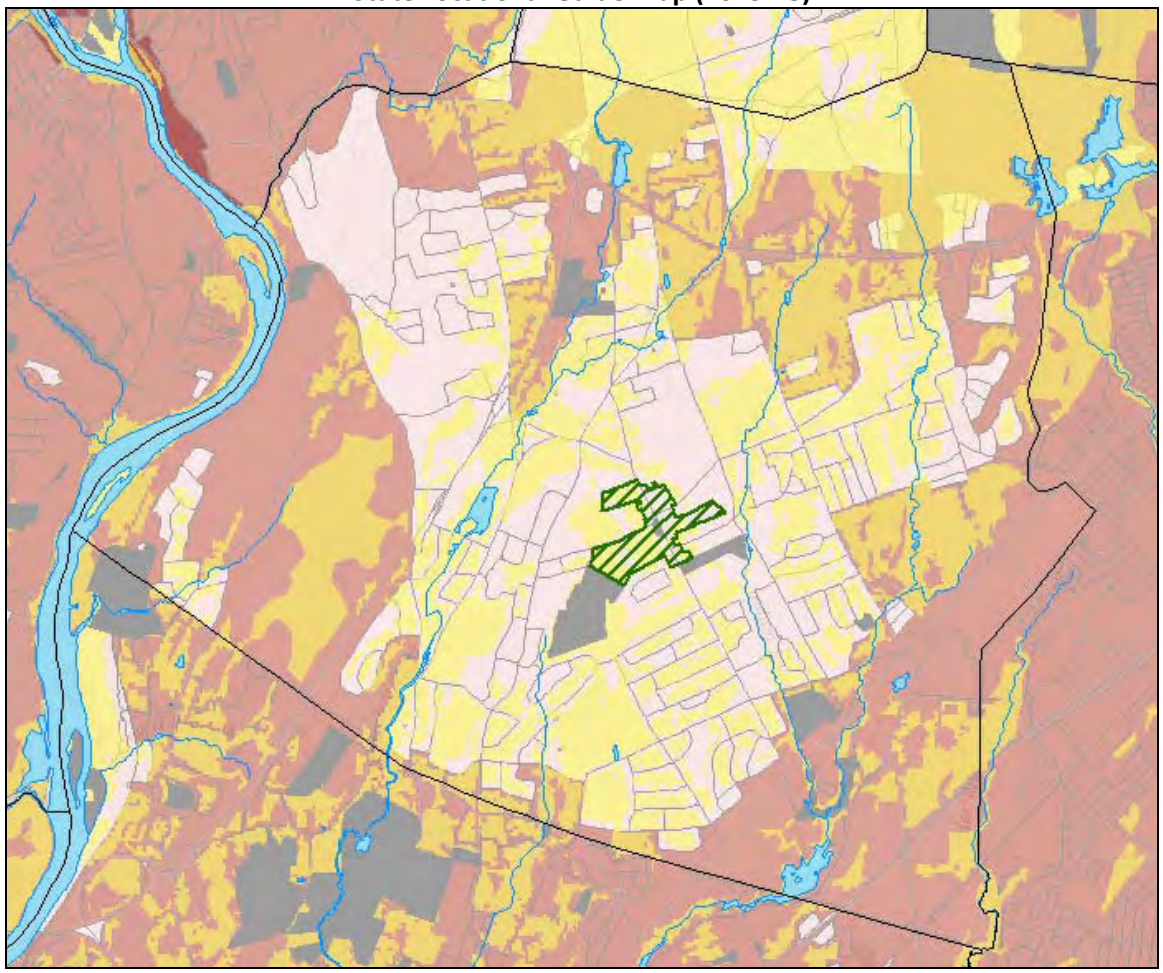
Conservation Areas

- 1-3 Conservation Factors
- 4-5 Conservation Factors
- 6-7 Conservation Factors

Plan Consistency

In accordance with CGS Section 8-23, this POCD was compared with the 2013-18 State Conservation and Development Policies Plan and found to be generally consistent with that Plan and its Locational Guide Map.

State Locational Guide Map (2013-18)



Connecticut Conservation and Development Plan – State Growth Principles

In accordance with CGS Section 8-23, the Plan of Conservation and Development has been evaluated for consistency with statewide growth management principles.

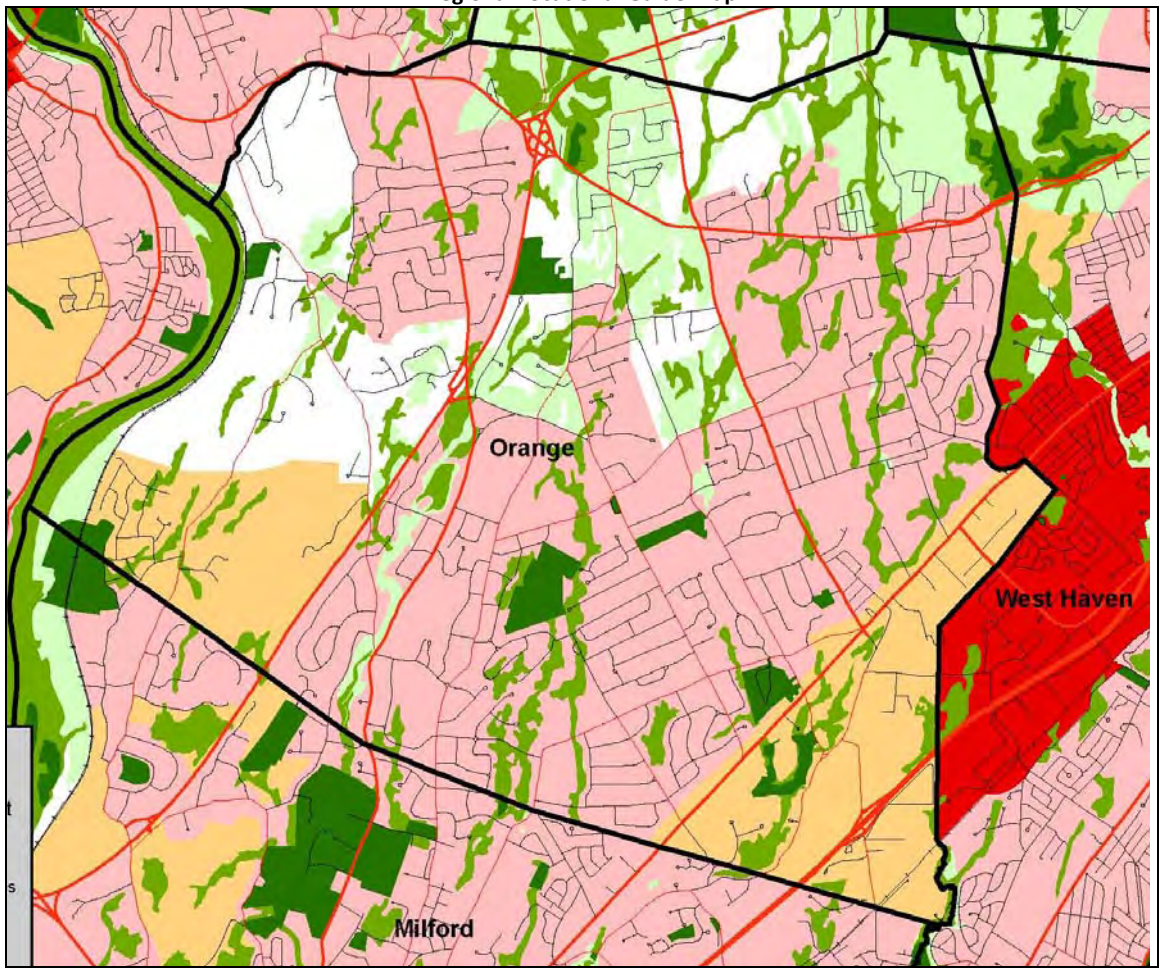
Principle 1 – Redevelop and revitalize regional centers and areas of mixed-land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure.	**FINDING – Consistent** The Plan encourages growth in and near the Route 1 corridor and the "economic area" along Interstate 95 where utility infrastructure is available to support it. This includes potential establishment of a "village-type" area with mixed land uses.
Principle 2 – Expand housing opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of household types and needs.	**FINDING –Consistent** The Plan recommends that Orange seek to diversify its housing "portfolio" and address recognized housing needs – housing that is more affordable and housing for an aging population.
Principle 3 – Concentrate development around transportation nodes and along major transportation corridors to support the viability of transportation options and land reuse.	**FINDING – Consistent** The Plan continues with the overall zoning framework of more intensive development along and near the Route 1 corridor and the "economic area" along Interstate 95 – both of which are well-served by arterial roads.
Principle 4 – Conserve and restore the natural environment, cultural and historical resources, and traditional rural lands.	**FINDING – Consistent** The Plan identifies the importance of protecting important community resources such as the natural environment, farm land, open spaces, and historic resources.
Principle 5 – Protect environmental assets critical to public health and safety.	**FINDING – Consistent** The Plan contains recommendations to protect environmental assets critical to public health and safety. In particular, the Plan stresses the importance of protecting water quality and public water supply watershed lands.
Principle 6 – Integrate planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local, regional, and statewide basis.	**FINDING – Consistent** The Plan is part of the process of integrating planning with other levels of government and with other agencies. The Plan will be used to coordinate efforts with: • adjacent communities, • regional organizations, and • state agencies.

Legend

Regional Plan Of Conservation and Development

In addition, this Plan was compared with the Regional Conservation and Development Plan adopted by the Southeastern Regional Planning Agency and found to be generally consistent with that Plan.

Regional Locational Guide Map



Implementation

Implementation is the main purpose of the planning process. While identification of desirable strategies is important, that effort will only bear fruit if policies are implemented and if tasks or actions are completed. The Plan of Conservation and Development contains two types of recommendations:

- **Policies** – policies are intended to guide local actions and be on-going strategies of the Town. Policies are not discrete activities and do not lend themselves to measurement or recognition as being complete.
- **Initial Tasks** – initial tasks are discrete activities which can be undertaken to accomplish Plan recommendations and policies. These can be measured and recognized as being complete. Over time, it is envisioned that additional tasks will be identified by the Town to help implement recommended policies.

It is intended that the Plan of Conservation and Development be a working document used to implement policies and complete tasks. It should be understood that implementation of the Plan will be a gradual and continual process. While some recommendations should (and will) be carried out in a relatively short period of time, others may be long-term in nature. Further, since some recommendations will involve additional study or a commitment of fiscal resources, their implementation will take place over several years or occur in stages.

Many of the policy recommendations in the Plan of Conservation and Development will be implemented by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission through zoning amendments, application reviews, and other means. Some policy recommendations will require the cooperation of other local boards and commissions such as the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and similar agencies. However, if the Plan is to be successfully realized, the policy recommendations must serve as a guide to all residents, applicants, agencies, and individuals interested in the orderly growth of Orange.

Many sections of the Plan also identify specific tasks or actions which can be itemized, scheduled, managed and completed. Tasks and actions lend themselves to monitoring implementation and measuring progress although they may not be more important than a strategy or a policy. It is hoped that, over time, Orange will continue to identify and undertake new tasks and actions to help implement the Plan.

This type of process (reviewing the Plan and adding new policies and tasks) will help the Plan (and Plan strategies) be relevant over a long timeframe.

Implementation Committee

Some communities have found that a Plan Implementation Committee (PIC) can be effective at coordinating implementation of the Plan.

The PIC includes representatives of various Town boards and commissions meets monthly or quarterly to discuss ways to facilitate or accelerate Plan implementation, assess the status of specific recommendations, evaluate the priorities, and even suggest new implementation techniques.

Orange may wish to consider establishing a Plan Implementation Committee to coordinate implementation of the Plan.

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IMPLEMENTATION LEGEND

Abbreviation	Name
BOE	Board of Education
BOF	Board of Finance
BOS	Board of Selectmen
BPH	Board of Public Health
CC	Conservation Commission
CETF	Clean Energy Task Force
CMLC	Case Memorial Library Commission
CSC	Community Services Commission
DRB	Design Review Board (NEW)
EDC	Economic Development Commission
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Council
FD	Fire Department
HDC	Historic District Commission
IWC	Inland Wetlands Commission
MH	Municipal Historian

Abbreviation	Name
OBC	Orange Bicycle Committee (NEW)
OEDC	Orange Economic Development Corporation
OGAT	Orange Government Access Television
OHS	Orange Historical Society
OLT	Orange Land Trust
PD	Police Department
PIC	Plan Implementation Committee (NEW)
PRC	Park and Recreation Commission
PW	Public Works
SCRCOG	South Central Regional Council of Governments
SCRWA	South Central Regional Water Authority
Staff	Town Staff
TC	Tree Committee
Town	Town Departments and Agencies
TPZ	Town Plan and Zoning Commission
WPCA	Water Pollution Control Authority

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