

[Print](#)**Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #323****Date Submitted: 4/24/2024****First Name\***

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**The following questions are optional:****Are you a resident of Bloomfield?**

Yes  
 No

**Proposed Recommendation to the Town Charter**

The Bloomfield Town Charter is available

at: [https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CH](https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH)**What section number of the Charter does your change affect?\***

Section 903, item d.

**Proposed Recommendation \***

adoption of an itemized (10) year capital budget

**Brief description of the issue addressed by the proposed change:\***

The current 5-year capital budget does not address the long-term needs of the Town. Currently, proposed year 1 projects are reshuffled each year and are funded through popularity.

**Impact of Proposed Change****What benefits will be realized by the citizens and/or government of Bloomfield?\***

Increased fiscal responsibility will be realized through a more strategic CIP operation, where long-term upgrades to facilities, infrastructure, fleet, etc. can be bonded, avoiding the current debt snowball of projects that get pushed back several years.

**What potential impacts may be associated with the proposal change?\***

A potential Town-wide strategic master plan may need to be carried out to accurately prioritize needs over the next 10 years. A strategic plan will also provide an opportunity for more resident input on the priority of their tax contributions and would behoove the Town government to realize a more cohesive relationship with Bloomfield residents.

**Can you provide data to assist in validating the impact of the proposed change?**

If this suggestion is entertained, I will gladly provide sources and research in the advantages of a 10-year vs. 5-year CIP program for local municipalities.

**Describe any obstacles, costs, or cost savings associated with the proposed change, if any?**

Initial costs would reside with hiring a consultant to conduct a strategic plan to accurately outline a 10-year look ahead in potential infrastructure and renovation costs.

Project savings will be realized through an improved practice of job prioritization and analysis. Net present value, future value, and life-cycle costing analysis can be identified by a consultant, assuring that a well-structured CIP avoids the pitfalls associated with inflation, infrastructure degradation, and economic challenges.