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UNDER AQUATIC ACTIVITIES, ADD:

North Branch of the Contoocook River

Although not included in the Basic Studies (Chapter IX), the North Branch of the Contoocook River is an important aesthetic, environmental and recreational resource within the town. It is a favorite trout fishing and swimming area not only for town residents, but for tourists as well. This stream is presently threatened by two hydroelectric development proposals. The Executive Director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has written the developer of one of the sites, "Your proposed by-pass with 3200 feet of penstock will effectively eliminate more than half a mile of public trout waters from the state." Additionally, Fish and Game is presently and will continue to stock the North Branch with juvenile Atlantic salmon as part of the Merrimack River Anadromous Fish Restoration Program. It is vitally important that this resource be protected and the Conservation Commission is urged to accelerate its efforts to include the stream in its Prime Wetlands efforts. State legislators should also be urged to include the North Branch in any protective legislation considered by the state.

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UNDER ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, ADD AS PARA 2 ON PAGE 23.....

While Antrim does not, at present, have many of the attributes that would attract the type of industry we desire, our proximity to population centers, open space, and road transportation could be attractive to less than desirable industries. A toxic waste disposal plant would be one example. Town governing boards should be aware of state regulations and licensing procedures for such industries and could investigate what actions other towns, such as Hooksett, may have taken in light of recent experiences with such industries.

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UNDER ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, REPLACE PARA 3, PAGE 23 WITH:

While some may be quite satisfied with the retail businesses the town offers, it does not meet the needs of the relatively large proportion of elderly nor will it be adequate for future growth. New businesses should, ideally, be located in the "downtown" area where it would be within walking distance of the population concentration and Antrim Village. There is, however, an almost total lack of available space and parking for business growth in this area. This problem should be addressed in future planning and the town should be prepared to accept ideas that may ~~may~~ solve this problem.

Ind. Dev. Comm. - site  
Kinds + Water + sewer - Rte. 202 (incentives)  
Downtown parking (see above) - Town land  
Limited access - Rte 202  
McCabe land (Ch. II under Op. System...  
Site on Rte. 9