

Long Island Planning Board 2009 Annual Growth Report

The 2008 Long Island Comprehensive Plan charges the Planning Board to report to the community each year the type and location of growth that has occurred in the preceding year. This report will also make recommendations for changes to the local ordinances and permitting processes to address growth related problems that may arise.

Since this is the first year we have issued this report since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted at the 2009 town meeting, this report will cover the three year period from 2007 to 2009, these being the most recent years for which growth data was not considered in the Comprehensive Plan.

It is the Board's understanding that growth means new residential housing units and commercial structures. In this report we do not consider replacement residential structures or improvements to existing residential or commercial buildings as growth. Using this definition of growth and building permit data the following table lists the growth that has occurred in each of the three most recent years.

Year	Residential Dwelling Units	Accessory Dwelling Units	Commercial Units
2007	3	0	0
2008	4	1	0
2009	4	0	0

Two of the three residential units added in 2007 are located in the West End, Cushing Street and Gorham Avenue. The third is on Apple Tree Lane in the East End. Two of the four residential units added in 2008 are on Fern Avenue between the cemetery and Harbor d'Grace, the third is on Overset Island and the fourth is on Summit Avenue in the Black Forest. The single accessory dwelling unit added in 2008 is on Island Avenue in the West End. Note that this is the only accessory dwelling unit that has been constructed since our land use ordinances were changed to allow them. The four residential dwelling units added in 2009 are the result of the Spar condominium project.

As you can see only residential growth has occurred in the past three years and it has been distributed throughout the island. This growth is within the development projections given in the Comprehensive Plan and at this time the Planning Board does not feel it is necessary to consider changing our local ordinances or permitting processes to address growth.

Please note that copies of this report and also the 2008 Town of Long Island Comprehensive Plan are available at Town Hall and also on the town web site at www.townoflongisland.us on the Comprehensive Plan page which is located under Town Government.

For the Town of Long Island Planning Board,
Curt Murley - Chair