

Long Island

Comprehensive Plan 2035

Work is underway to update the Town of Long Island Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in 2008. This plan provides guiding principles for decisions the town makes about growth and development. A citizen's committee has been commissioned and established by the Long Island Planning Board to drive this project on behalf of the community. The committee includes a mix of year-round, part-time and summer residents representing varied community groups and committees.

Our Mission

As a citizens committee commissioned by the Planning Board of the Town of Long Island, we come together to create the new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Long Island. We will strive to articulate and communicate the shared vision for the future of our town over the next 15 years. In a thoughtful and data driven process to determine community goals and aspirations we will look to include diverse perspectives from across all members of our island community with a transparent and inclusive approach open to all voices. We will work to tap into the rich network of expertise and resources in our own community and be mindful of the responsibility we have to manage resources made available to us to support this project. We will strive to be forward thinking to identify future trends and set goals to manage growth and development.

Committee Membership

Janice Avignon
(Chair)

Nancy Berges
(Long Island Historical Society)
Matt Byers

Peter Dolan

Steve Hart
(Planning Board Advisor)

Nate Johnson

Dennis McCann
(Wellness Council)

Linda McCann

Jane Oldfield-Spearman
(Long Island Civic Association)

Elizabeth Marchak
(Wellness Council)

Patti Papkee
(Star of the Sea),

Erica Papkee
(Recreation Department)

Matt Purington

Alanna Rich
(Evergreen United Methodist)

Wes Wolfertz
(Finance Committee)

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LI COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2035 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a comprehensive plan?

A municipality's comprehensive plan takes a long-range look at priority topics that impact the character, preservation and growth, and fiscal condition of the place. It provides a shared community vision and policy framework for the future.

Why do a comprehensive plan?

Based on the common vision for the community the plan provides:

- Guidelines for making decisions in town management and growth
- Framework for prioritizing limited resources
- Qualification for state and local grants and funds
- Legal protection and control over land use ordinances

How often must a comprehensive plan be completed?

Once completed, the State of Maine reviews a municipality's comprehensive plan and issues a Finding of Consistency if it meets the requirements. This Finding of Consistency is valid for twelve (12) years from the date of issue. Amendments to a comprehensive plan can be made at any time and do not reset the duration of the original consistency finding. Long Island's current comprehensive plan was adopted in 2008 and the original town comprehensive plan was done in 1996.

What is included in a comprehensive plan?

The State of Maine requires that the plan include a vision statement and sections on specific topics. Topics must address: analysis of current conditions and trends, recommended policies and strategies for the future. The state requires that the plan include implementation strategy, regional coordination program, and evaluation measures.

Required topics include: historical and archaeological resources, water resources, natural resources, agricultural and forest resources, marine resources, population and demographics, economy, housing, recreation, transportation, public facilities and services, fiscal capacity and capital investment, existing and future land use.

Where can I learn more?

Please visit the Town of Long Island webpage for more information, including updates, ways to engage as well as meeting announcements and minutes.

What is the LI Comprehensive Plan Citizen Committee?

The Planning Board commissioned the Long Island Comprehensive Plan Citizen's Committee in February 2021 to guide the comprehensive planning process. It includes a mix of community members including year-round, part-time and summer as well as members of various community groups and town committees. This committee will guide the planning process through approval by the state and the town.

How does the comprehensive plan relate to other town policies?

Comprehensive plan is the underpinning of land use ordinances. It should also include large public expenditures over the next 15 years.

How long will it take and how will the work be done?

The effort began in February 2021 and will last until Fall 2022 using a phased approach.

Phase 1: Prepare February to April: Establish mission, roles, scope, timeline, resources

Phase 2: Discover March - August 2021: Community outreach and domain research

Phase 3: Create August-December 2021: Craft vision statement, write chapters

Phase 4: Socialize January-March 2022: Public forums and stakeholder meetings

Phase 5: Produce April-June 2022: Produce the final report

Phase 6: Approve July-September 2022: State approval and town meeting approval