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LONG ISLAND • ME

2035



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**Draft Comprehensive Plan Public Forum**

**April 20 & 30, 2022**

# **Agenda**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Comprehensive Plan at a Glance**
- 3. Key Findings and Insights**
- 4. Questions and Feedback**

# Comprehensive Plan at a Glance

LICP2035 Committee Mission “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 for our town.”

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# Comprehensive Plan at a Glance - Audiences

1. Local Municipality
  - a. The town government and officials
2. The Long Island Community
  - a. The community of Long Island who have supported every stage of this work.
3. The State of Maine
  - a. The State government, both to meet requirements set by the government and to make ourselves eligible for future support and funding.

# Comprehensive Plan at a Glance - The Task

- Embark on a 16-18 month long term planning process on behalf of the town.
  - Understand the scope of this work.
  - Do the research and study the data that lead to a finished comprehensive plan.
  - Engage with the public through surveys, forums, and more.
  - Write the content for the comprehensive plan.
  - Socialize the drafted plan with the community.
  - Gain approval of the plan from both the town and the state.

# Requirements and Deliverables

The deliverable products are:

- A long term (10-12 year) framework for the future.
- An Implementation and Evaluation plan.

The State of Maine requires the comprehensive plan to address a set of topics, with specific questions answered.

The State requires the use of a provided dataset, as well as establishing local datasets where needed.

Public engagement is required.

Identify topics of importance to the community to address.  
Craft the vision statement.

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## **Introduction**

Executive Summary, Long Island History,  
Regional Coordination, Community  
Engagement, Community Vision

## **Current State of Affairs**

Population and Demographics, Historical and  
Archaeological, Economy, Agriculture and  
Forestry, Marine Resources, Natural Resources,  
Water Resources, Public Facilities and Services,  
Transportation, Housing, Fiscal Capacity,  
Recreation, Wellness, Governance

## **Plan Framework**

Recommendations

## **Land Use**

## **Implementation and Evaluation**

# **Community Engagement**

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# LICP2035 Community Survey Top Challenges

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Implementing broadband	67.44%	232
Planning to protect and conserve water supply	66.57%	229
Protecting and managing open space and natural resources	63.08%	217
Preserving access to the working waterfront	52.33%	180
Developing ways to expand the number of EMTs, drivers, and boat captains to continue to provide safe and effective service	50.29%	173
Building resiliency and self-sufficiency in our capacity to cope with climate change (e.g. moving towards energy independence with alternative power sources)	47.38%	163
Financial planning to ensure stable tax rate	47.09%	162
Expanding health and wellness services available on the Island	46.51%	160
Attracting more businesses and specialty contractors (e.g. electricians, plumbers, mechanics, etc.)	44.77%	154
Improving existing parks, trails, and recreation opportunities	43.60%	150
Fostering inclusivity in our community	41.28%	142



# Vision and Values

- *Resilient*

Long Island will plan and prepare to meet new and ongoing challenges in the future. Focusing on planful growth and climate change preparedness will enable us to prepare for risks to both our town's assets and our valuable natural resources.

- *Equitable*

Long Island strives to be an inclusive community that feels like home to all those who live and visit here. Fairness to all people through actions such as the enforcement of ordinances and involvement in our community is necessary for our success.

- *Livable*

For a remote island community to thrive, Long Island must ensure that people have the ability to live and work here full-time. Supporting young families and business owners through initiatives like accessible housing, wellness services, a thriving working waterfront, and affordable taxes will allow our island to flourish.

- *Resourceful*

Long Island is a community that depends upon people caring for one another and our town. Volunteers are key to any development on the island, and we must strive to support them while also seeking solutions for our needs.

- *Community Spirit*

The unique way of life that we have on Long Island means respecting our independence and cherishing our connections with one another at the same time. We aim to keep the values of simplicity, tradition, and authenticity a major part of the spirit of the island as we grow into our future.

# Key Insights

- The Town of Long Island is a very engaged community.
- The population of the island is overall steady.
  - There is an increasing older population and a decreasing younger group.
- There has been a blurring of lines between year-round and summer residents.
  - More people are now seasonal and part-time.
- There has been slower growth than anticipated in construction.
  - 18 new builds in last 10 years vs. 39 forecasted in last comprehensive plan
- The town is run primarily by dedicated volunteers.
  - 162 job roles with less than 100 people doing those jobs.
  - These roles are almost 90% volunteer.

# Hot Topics

1. Water Quality and Protection
2. Climate Impacts
3. Housing
4. Automating Town Data and Systems
5. Preserving Open Space
6. Working Waterfront Access

# We Want to Hear From You!

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# Vision Statement

Situated off of Maine's rocky coast, Long Island is a community home to year-rounders, seasonal residents, and newcomers alike. We believe that to maintain the way of life that is so important to us, we must actively work to care for an island that is **livable** for all its residents and maintains its **community spirit**. We seek to be **resilient** in the face of climate change and demographic shifts in order to protect our natural and human resources and to thoughtfully manage future growth. This community must remain **resourceful** by nurturing the volunteerism that enables the town to function and by being good stewards of our shared assets including the island's aquifer and the working waterfront. We strive to be **equitable** in the way that we enforce rules and regulations and in the way that we involve diverse voices in our community. We maintain that these five guiding principles have been and will continue to be vital for our town to embrace future opportunities and face the challenges ahead. Looking forward to the year 2035 through the lens of this plan provides Long Islanders the means to be effective stewards of our island home and to better plan for our future.