

The Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

It takes a village to implement the Town of Long Island Comprehensive Plan which was unanimously approved at the 2022 Town Meeting. The LICP Implementation Committee is partnering with town organizations, committees and citizens to fulfill the community's vision.

The top five focus areas determined from community engagement during the comprehensive plan process include water protection and preservation, natural resource preservation, climate resilience, town infrastructure, and town management. There are projects underway across all priorities.

Water Protection and Preservation:

1. Well survey project, driven by the Groundwater Quality Committee.
2. Water sustainability study, partnered with the Groundwater Quality Committee.

Natural Resource Preservation:

1. Fowlers Beach dune restoration, partnered with the Maine Geological Survey, Long Island Civic Association, Island Institute, Oceanside Conservation Trust and Casco Bay Islands Alliance.
2. Habitat management/invasive species work due to start up this summer.

Climate Resilience:

1. Enrollment in the State of Maine Community Resilience Partnership. Application for a Community Action Grant, partnered with the Select Board and the Groundwater Quality Committee. Driven by LICP Implementation Committee in partnership with the Island Institute.
2. Climate planning workshops with GMRI and coastal flooding monitoring projects with GMRI and GPCOG.

Town Infrastructure:

1. Ponce's landing repairs, led by the town's Waterfront Committee with membership participation from the LICP Implementation Committee.
2. Housing project kickoff, partnered with the Year-Round Housing Committee

Town Management:

1. Communications projects through the town website and a new official town listserv, partnered with town hall and IT staff.
2. Procurement of GIS software licensing for the town, partnered with the Select Board and the Groundwater Quality Committee.

How do you think we're doing? We would like to hear from community members. The Implementation Committee is also looking for new volunteers to work on upcoming projects.

For more information on the Implementation Committee or any of these ongoing projects, feel free to get in touch with any of the committee members: Janice Avignon, Rose Barter, Cyrus Hagge, Linda Ferguson-McCann, Beth Marchak, Melanie Nash, and Jane Oldfield-Spearman.

To stay in touch with the committee and to let us know what you'd like to see on our agenda in the upcoming year, feel free to fill out our Google form at this link: <https://forms.gle/1pjUp8nU2i9nEqzd6>