

BARNSTABLE LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Draft Vision

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The town of Barnstable is a vibrant and diverse community where people and nature thrive together. We are committed to creating a healthy, safe, inclusive, and equitable place for all residents and to protecting our natural resources for future generations.

To achieve our vision, we will proactively:

- Promote a diverse economy that supports living wages and local businesses and does not harm the environment.
- Commit to providing affordable and attainable year-round housing options.
- Provide access to high-quality education, healthcare, and human and social services.
- Strengthen community connections and communication town-wide.
- Foster an inclusive community that values diversity.
- Create a healthy, safe community, and care for those in need.
- Protect priority habitats, water resources, both salt and fresh, and open spaces.
- Protect and improve the quality and quantity of our drinking water.
- Prepare for sea level rise and other climate impacts.
- Reduce our environmental footprint by investing in renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and better managing our waste.
- Build on our outstanding recreational opportunities and expand access to open spaces as recommended by the open space and recreation plan.
- Preserve and enhance the unique historic character and sense of place of the town and each of its seven villages.
- Incentivize redevelopment over new development and steer development toward locations with adequate infrastructure and away from environmentally sensitive areas town-wide.
- Enable people to travel safely and efficiently by the mode of their choice.
- Build essential infrastructure that is resilient, adaptable, and sustainable.
- Increase transparency of the local government so that it can make effective decisions grounded in citizen input and implement necessary changes efficiently.
- Recognize and build upon previous efforts by citizens and the Town to make Barnstable the best it can be.

