

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (LCP)?

- The LCP is an important planning tool that creates direction to help guide land-use decisions and policies in the town for the next 10-plus year planning period.
- The LCP is a guide for growth and direction of Truro emphasizing the need to balance a wide variety of needs, including protection of environmental resources, economic growth, quality of life, and community character.
- The LCP is a living document and resource for elected officials, board members, town staff and community residents to help guide future decisions.
- The LCP is **not** law or regulation.

WHAT DOES MY VOTE AT TOWN MEETING MEAN?

- ✓ Voting in favor of the LCP at Town Meeting means that you are voting in favor of the vision and general direction of the LCP.
 - It does **not** mean you are voting to adopt every single recommendation.
 - It does **not** authorize the spending or borrowing of any money or the construction of any structure.

TRURO COMMUNITY AND THE LCP

This plan is the product of ongoing community involvement of different types. During the past few years, we have reached out to year-round and part-time residents, the local business community, families with students in Truro Central School (TCS), senior citizens, town boards, committees, and town staff, seeking to engage as many facets of Truro's population as possible. The critical step of drafting our Vision for Truro was informed by:

- Truro Community Survey with 611 respondents - Fall 2021
- Truro Central School students' images of Truro - Spring 2022
- Postcard Campaign – 364 responses in Spring/Summer 2022
- Public forum "What's your vision for Truro" Oct 2022

At the June 2023 public forum "Feedback on Vision Statement, and Goals and Objectives" over 50 participants provided a range of comments and feedback that informed the final draft presented at our Public Hearing on September 2023. At this final forum, "Feedback on the Full Draft", over 70 participants engaged in spirited discussion of plan elements and provided valuable feedback, which was incorporated in the final version of this plan that will be voted on at Special Town Meeting.

VISION

Truro's vision is to be an innovative, sustainable rural community with a socioeconomically and culturally diverse population of all ages. To achieve community sustainability, the vision for this LCP is to support the needs of year-round and part-time residents, tourists, and seasonal employees for housing, economic opportunity, and public services while continuing to provide stewardship of Truro's land and natural resources upon which our community depends for its livelihood and way of life.

TRURO'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT 5 – 10 YEARS ARE TO:

- Address the housing crisis across a wide variety of demographics and income levels.
- Work to protect the natural and built environment and address the impacts of climate change.
- Support business and economic opportunities while protecting its natural and built environments.
- Work with other Cape communities to address regional and Outer Cape infrastructure needs.
- Build a collaborative and supportive community culture.

GROWTH POLICY

- Guide growth toward geographic areas that are or can be adequately supported or improved by infrastructure, including on-site wastewater management systems.
- Growth should be avoided in areas that must be protected, such as for ecological, historical, or economic reasons.
- Many Truro homes now and in the foreseeable future use private wells for drinking water. Therefore, protecting the quality of untreated drinking water is an integral component of our growth policy.
- Growth will be intentional, designed to meet identified needs, including but not limited to year-round housing for seniors, young families, and local workers of all types, as well as housing for seasonal employees.
- New housing should be integrated throughout our town as we build neighborhoods and community, not simply structures.

Full report available on the LCPC page of the Town of Truro website:

<https://www.truro-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan-committee>

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