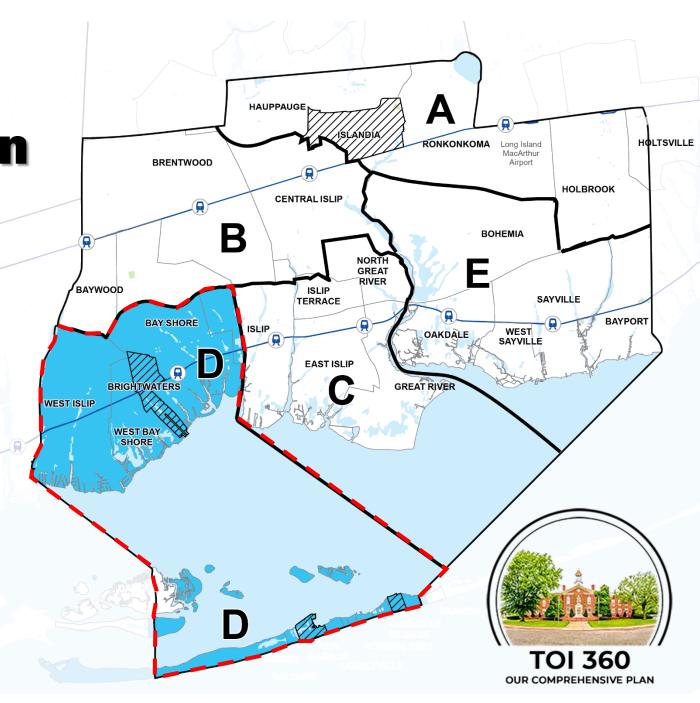
Town of Islip
Comprehensive Plan
(TOI-360)

Public Workshop for Planning Area D: Bay Shore, West Bay Shore, West Islip, Fire Island

April 23, 2025

BFJ Planning



AGENDA

A. Presentation

- Team and Project Overview
- Overview of Comprehensive Plan
- Public Engagement Opportunities
- Planning Themes

B. Interactive Feedback



TOI 360
OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PROJECT TEAM

TOWN OF ISLIP

Department of Planning and Development

Town Board

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

BFJ Planning

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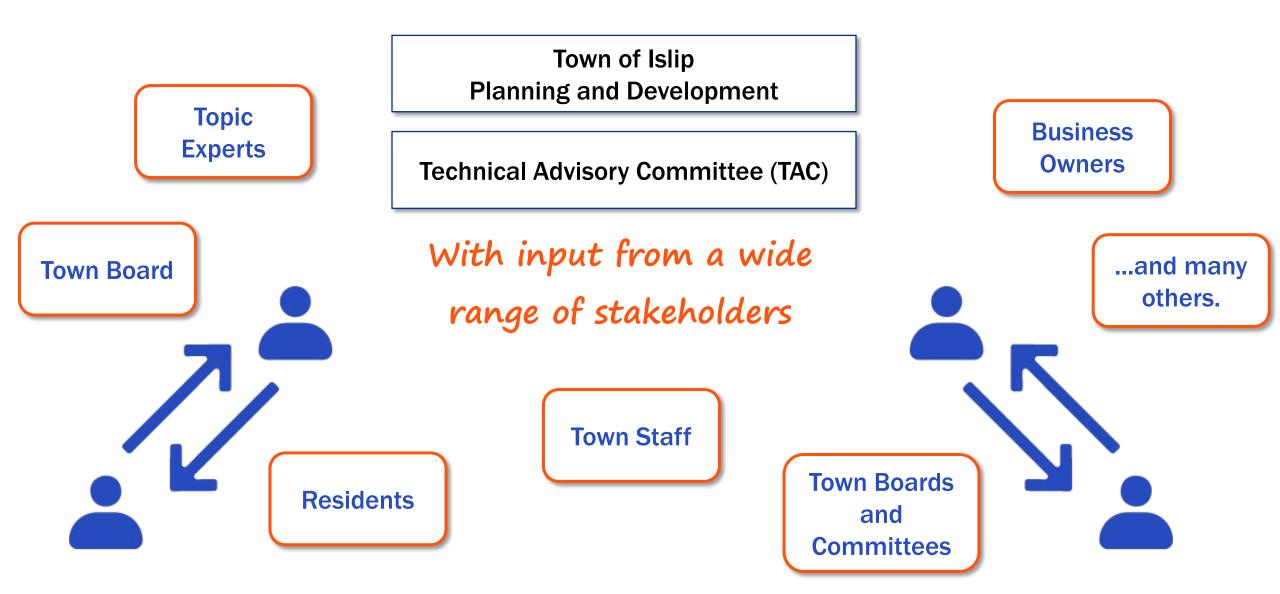


Robert Bove PE, PTOE,



Urbanomics

WHO IS DEVELOPING THE PLAN?



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Role of TAC

- Guide comprehensive plan process and monitor timelines
- Help plan for public outreach activities
- Advise on technical subjects
- Provide input on issues and opportunities
- Help to ensure plan is representative of wider community
- Review draft deliverables



WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?



An expression of the community's shared vision of the future.



Foundation for zoning decisions. Formal zoning changes would happen after plan is complete.



Along-range public policy guide for plans, initiatives, and investments.

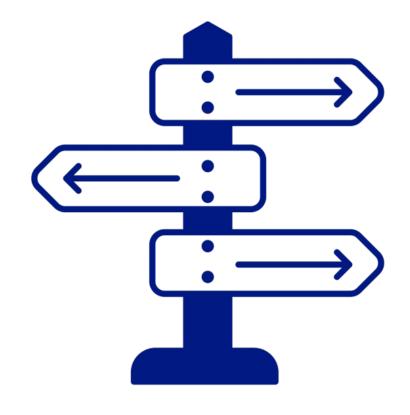


A "to do" list for the

Town to track progress of short, medium, and long-term goals.

SCOPE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Focuses on broad, community- wide goals with a framework for decision making, not detailed project designs.
- Specific actions (i.e. zoning changes)
 would require further analysis and
 public review before adoption.



What the Comprehensive Plan Does Not Do:

- Does not approve or directly address specific proposed projects.
- Does not resolve current issues unrelated to long-term planning goals.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HISTORY AND PROCESS

 Last Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1979; progress update in 1989.

 Since then, studies have focused on specific areas, not the entire Town.

• Why "TOI-360"?

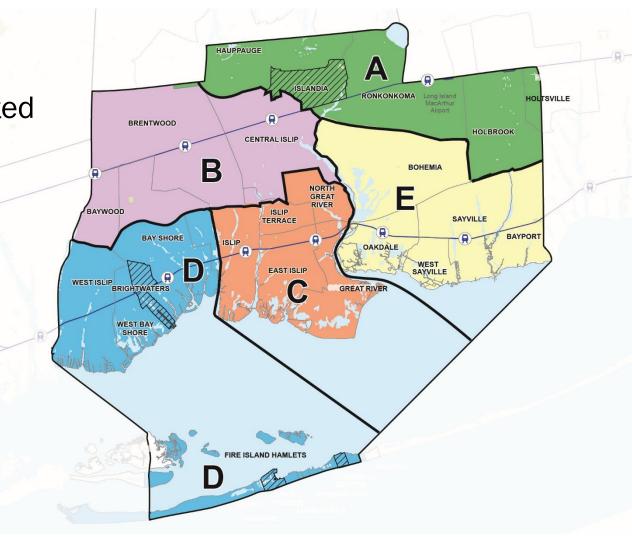


TOWN VS. HAMLETS

HOW ARE WE PLANNING FOR SUCH A BIG AREA?

 Hamlets have unique identities supported by local services and organizations.

- Outreach includes town- and hamlet-level discussions
 - Town-wide Public Workshop
 - Civic Group Questionnaire
 - Public Survey
 - Neighborhood-oriented Public Workshops
 - Topic Expert Focus Groups
 - Ideas Wall and Interactive Map



PLANNING AREA WORKSHOPS (5)

Workshop B

Brentwood, Baywood, Central Islip, North Bay Shore

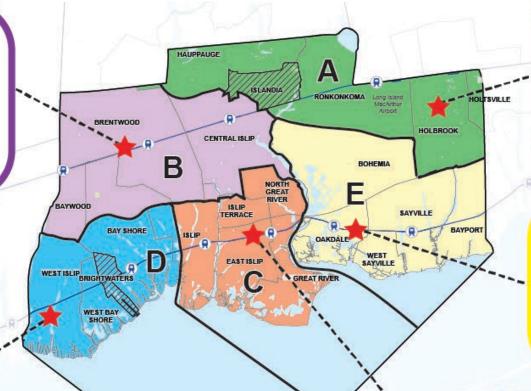
Wed. March 26 at 6pm Brentwood Senior Center

Workshop D

West Islip, Bay Shore, West Bay Shore, Fire Island

Wed. April 23 at 6pm West Islip Community Center

Today!



= Workshop Location

Workshop A

Holbrook, Ronkonkoma, Hauppauge, Holtsville

Wed. March 12 at 6pm Holbrook Country Club

Workshop E

Bayport, Sayville, Bohemia, West Sayville, Oakdale

Wed. May 7 at 6pm Oakdale Senior Center

Workshop C

Islip, East Islip, Islip Terrace, North Great River, Great River

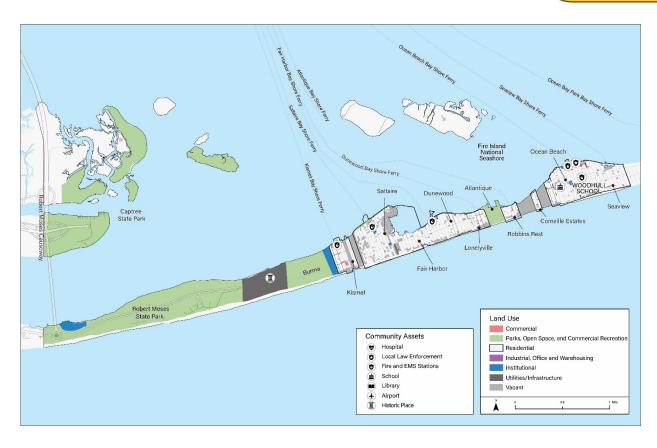
Thu. April 10 at 6pm Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center

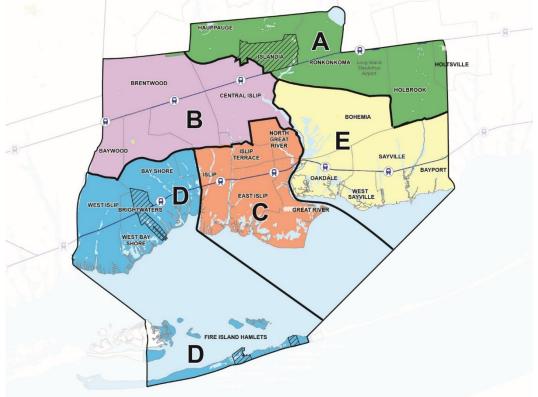


FIRE ISLAND

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON MAY 22 at 6PM TOI360.COM





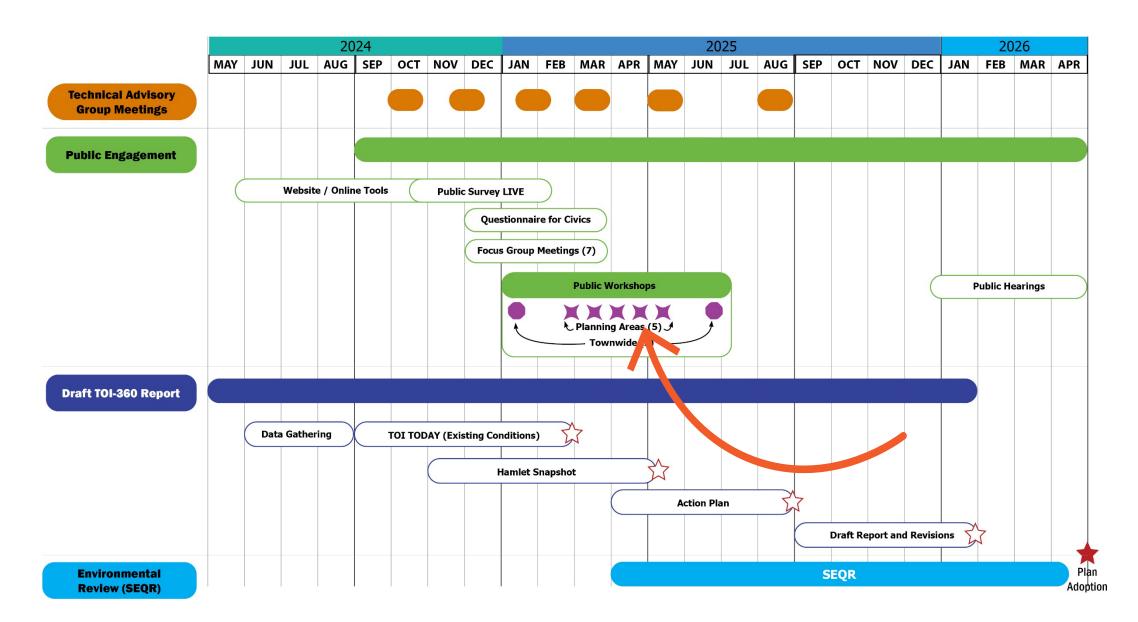


OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Questionnaire sent to all civic groups
- Fire Island Communities:
 - Atlantique Community
 - Fire Island Year-Round Residents Association
 - Kismet Community Association
 - Lonelyville Property Owners Association
 - Village of Ocean Beach

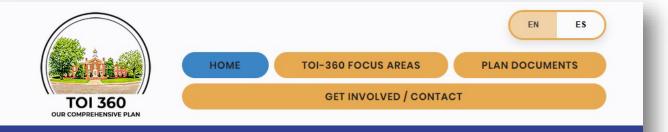


COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TIMELINE (18 MONTHS)



WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT

- Visit the website www.TOI360.com
- Participate in public workshops (thanks for being here today!).
- Take the online surveys (more on this in next slide).
- Participate in the neighborhood-oriented workshop for your area.
- Participate in public hearings during Town Board review (date TBD).



Welcome to the Town of Islip's Comprehensive Plan Website

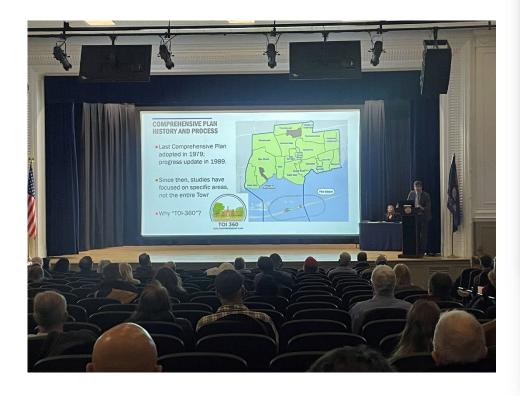
The Town of Islip is embarking on a journey to create a comprehensive plan that will guide our community's growth and development for the next 20 years and beyond. This plan will serve as a roadmap, addressing critical areas such as land use, housing, transportation, economic development, environmental sustainability, and quality of life.

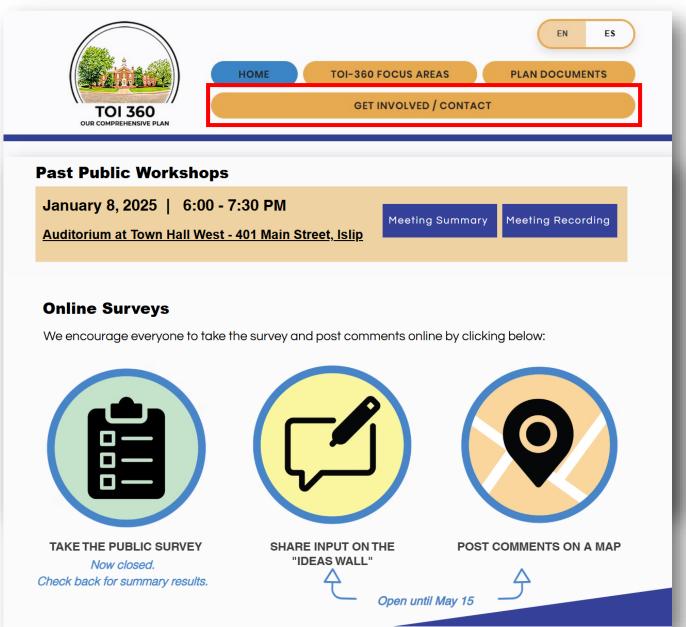
Why "TOI360"?

In two decades, it will be just over 360 years since William Nicoll purchased land from the Secatogue Nation in 1683. The number 360 also represents this full-circle opportunity to look back at our history, thoroughly examine growth patterns and land use trends, assess current community priorities, and collaboratively develop a shared vision for Islip's future.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

- Public Workshop 1
 - Summary
 - Recording



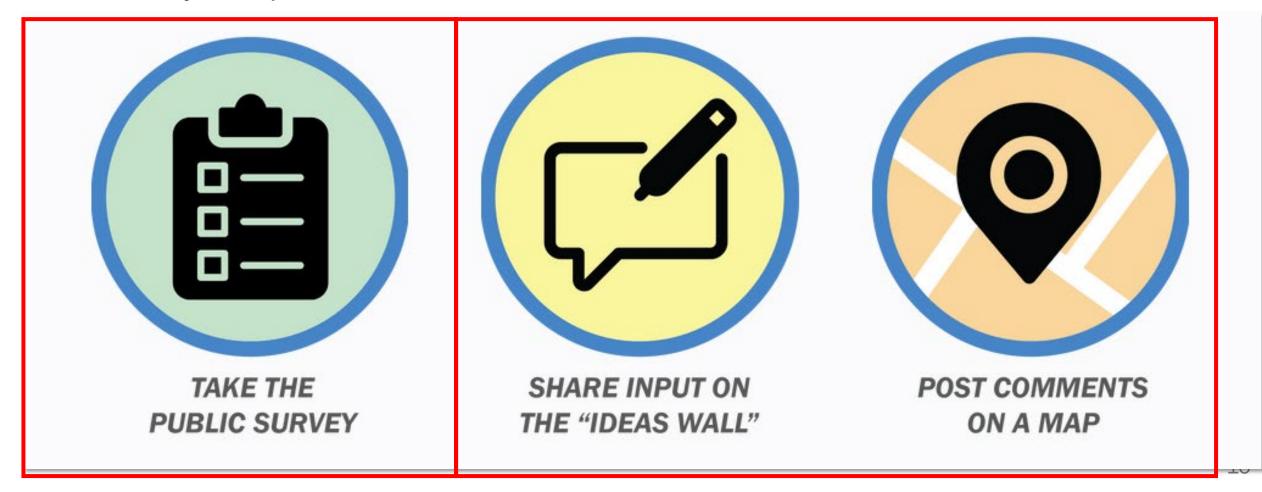


ONLINE SURVEYS

Closed (2/15)

A summary will be posted online.

Open until May 15



PUBLIC SURVEY

Planning Area B 9.0% (94 surveys)

BRENTWOOD

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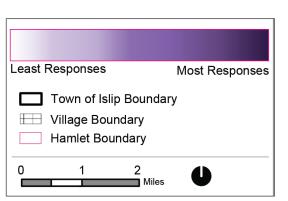
Planning Area A 8.8% (92 surveys)

RONKONKOMA

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- 1,298 Responses
- Open 5 months
- 97% live within Town
- ~85% live in Town for 10+ years
- Summary to be posted in May

Relevant takeaways will be discussed today



Planning Area D 20.8% (217 Surveys)

Planning Area E 35.5% (370 Surveys)

BAYPORT

Planning Area C 25.7% (268 Surveys)

IDEAS WALL

PUBLIC OUTREACH

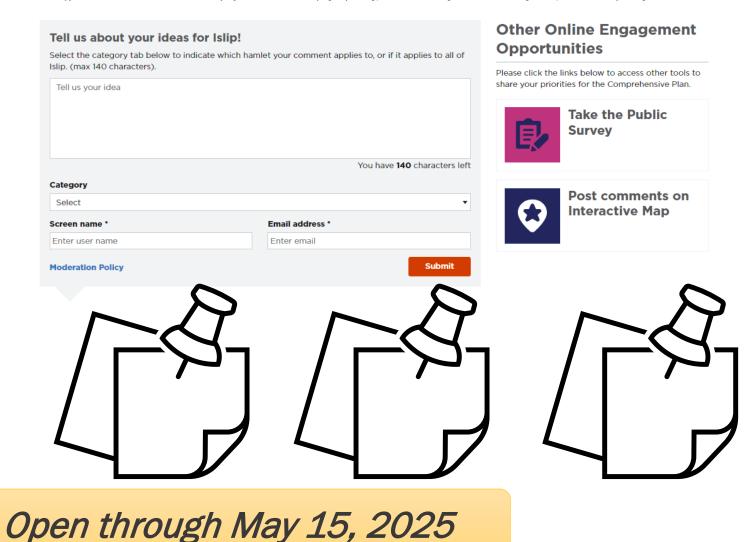


Ideas Wall

How to Use the Ideas Wall:

- 1. Share your ideas for issues and opportunities that should be addressed
- 2. Utilize the Category drop-down menu below to select the area or hamlet your comment applies to.
- 3. Click on any comment to read what others have posted. You can click the thumbs up or thumbs down icon to let us know how you feel about other comments on the Ideas Wall.
- 4. Check back to stay involved in the conversation and share more ideas.

Note: (1) Email information is shared with the project team but not displayed publicly; You can enter any screen name that you like, this will show publicly.



IDEAS WALL

EXAMPLES OF COMMENTS

23 November, 2024

Vee says:

"Share a "good neighbor" policy e.g. tenant parking should be in your own driveway; even daytime loud music carries; barking dogs, etc."



11 November, 2024

MMRP says:

"We need a comprehensive redesign of the 5th Ave. / Wicks Rd. & Suffolk Ave. Intersection, including elevating the tracks over the roadway."



15 November, 2024

Elle says:

"The Islip Art Museum needs to be reopened! It was a diamond in Town of Islip's cultural crown for many years and is sorely missed."



10 November, 2024

Sharon says:

" I'm just wondering under what focus group would animal welfare be addressed such as the shelter, the feral cat population, TNR programs etc"







8 November, 2024

14 November, 2024

JSG says:

"PLEASE push New York State to repave (not patch) Route 111 ASAP. It's horrendous! Chunks of the road are missing."



9 November, 2024

Profran says:

"We need more affordable housing. Today they say affordable, but they are not. Also no more building. We have no room to drive. Replant trees"



14 November, 2024

Brittany says:

"Town-Wide: Modernize the website and virtual services. Current site & forms are not user friendly & difficult to navigate, lack transparency"



9 November, 2024

Johncal63 says:

"Please do something to fix the Oakdale Merge. The backup of traffic is getting worse. Ermegncy vehicles could not get down the street"





8 November, 2024

jmorgo1 says:

9 November, 2024

Frvebiz says:

"Showcase the real work behind

Paul says:

"I think you should enhance the

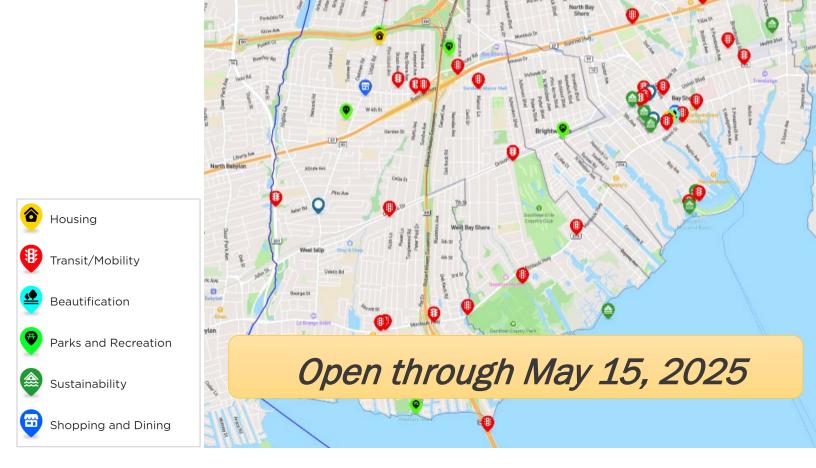
8 November, 2024 imorgo1 says:

"Encourage homes-for-sale and "Islip should foster future prosperity

INTERACTIVE MAP

PUBLIC OUTREACH





Open

Q Enter an address

PLAN ORGANIZATION AND KEY THEMES



HOUSING

Ensure a diverse range of housing options



RESILIENCE
Protect a coastal Town and its
natural resources

SUSTAINABILITY AND



AND CULTURE

Enhance access to community programs and facilities



Make downtowns more dynamic, attractive, and accessible



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Support compatible commercial and industrial development



TRANSPORTATION
AND MOBILITY
Provide safe and integrated

transportation options



PUBLIC SERVICES

Provide efficient and
high-quality public services



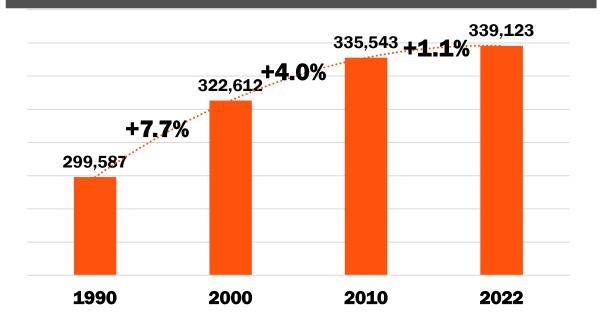
HAMLETSAddress hamlet-specific needs and opportunities



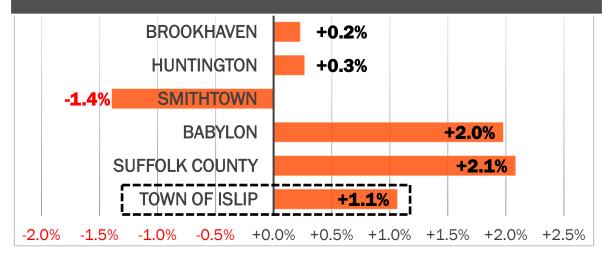
POPULATION TRENDS (TOWN)

- 2022 population: 339,123 (22% of Suffolk County).
- Population Growth:
 - 13% since 1990;
 1.1% since 2010
- Aging Population
 - Median age rose to 38.9 years.
- Household size is 3.3, larger than Suffolk County's 2.9.

TOWN'S POPULATION GROWTH 1990-2022

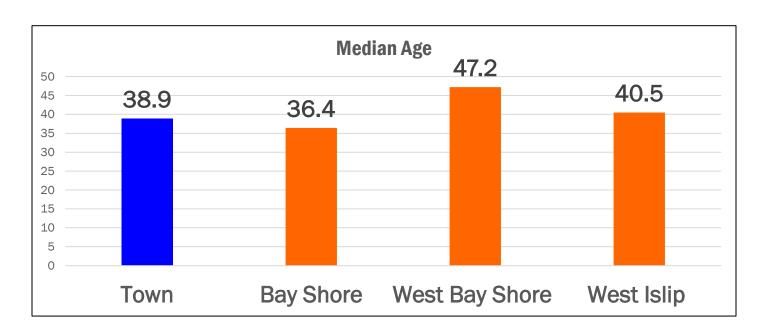


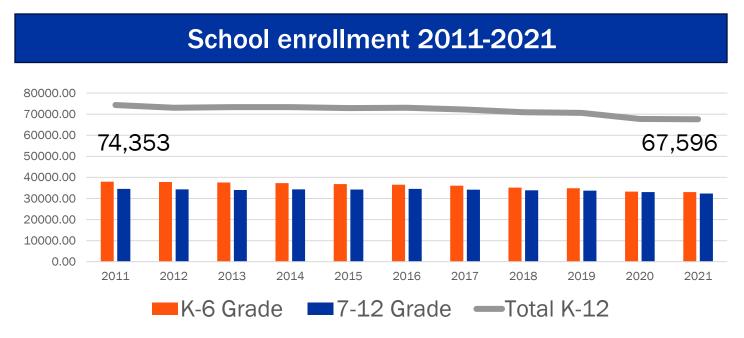
TOWN'S GROWTH COMPARED TO OTHER TOWNS 2010-2022



AGE TRENDS

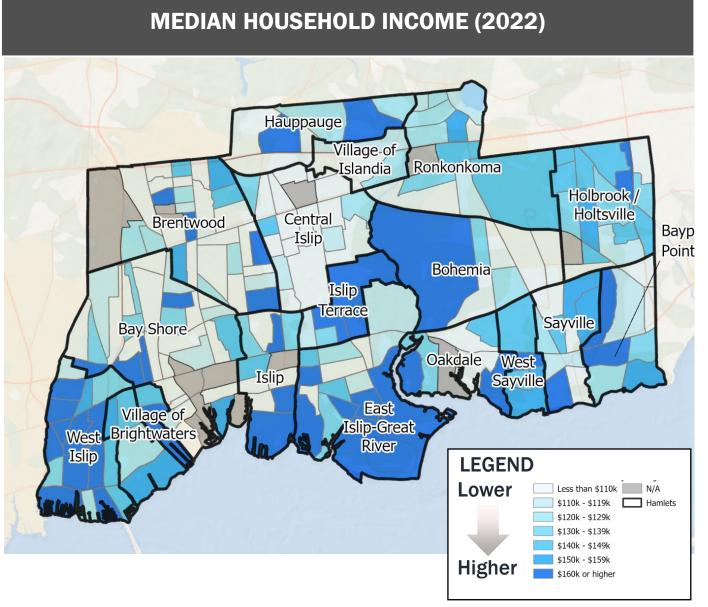
- Town is getting older.
- Regionally declining enrollment reflects wider demographic patterns.
- Bay Shore is slightly younger than the Town.
 West Bay Shore is older (47).





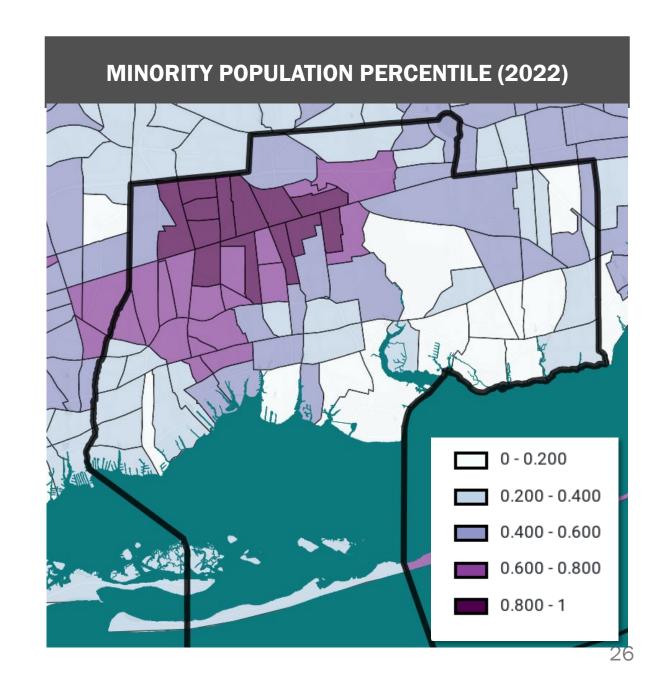
INCOME

- Median household income in the Town is \$122,726, slightly higher than Suffolk County (\$119,838).
- West Islip and West Bay Shore have a higher median household income than the Town (\$161,792 and \$141,131, respectively).
- Bay Shore's median household income is lower at \$103,272.



POPULATION TRENDS (HAMLETS)

- Household size: All three hamlets have a smaller average household size compared to Town
- Diversity: Bay Shore is very diverse.
 White non-Hispanic population is 38%, compared to 51% for the Town.





ENSURE A DIVERSE RANGE OF HOUSING OPTIONS

HOUSING COSTS - TOWNWIDE

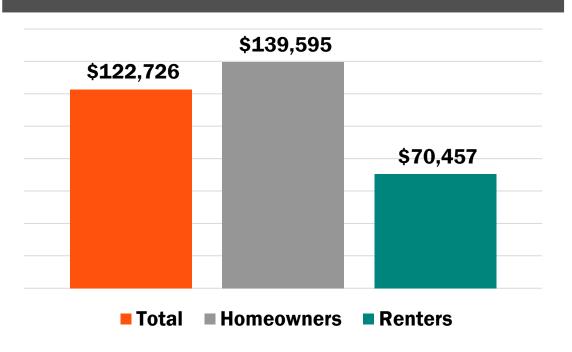
- Data demonstrates that housing affordability is a concern:
 - 52.4% of renters spend above affordable levels.
 - 36.8% of homeowners with mortgages are similarly burdened.

 Housing costs contribute to regional economic challenges and poverty.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

GROSS MEDIAN RENT

TOWN'S MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY TENURE



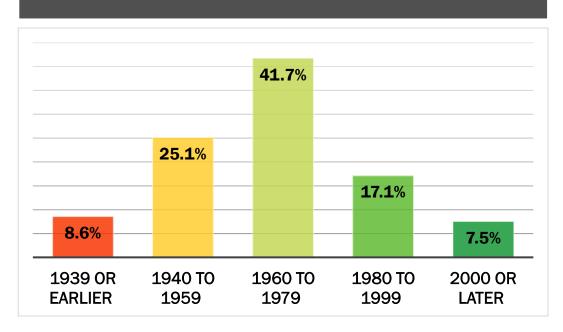
2010	2022	
\$115,430	\$122,726	+6%
\$1,425	\$2,128	+49%

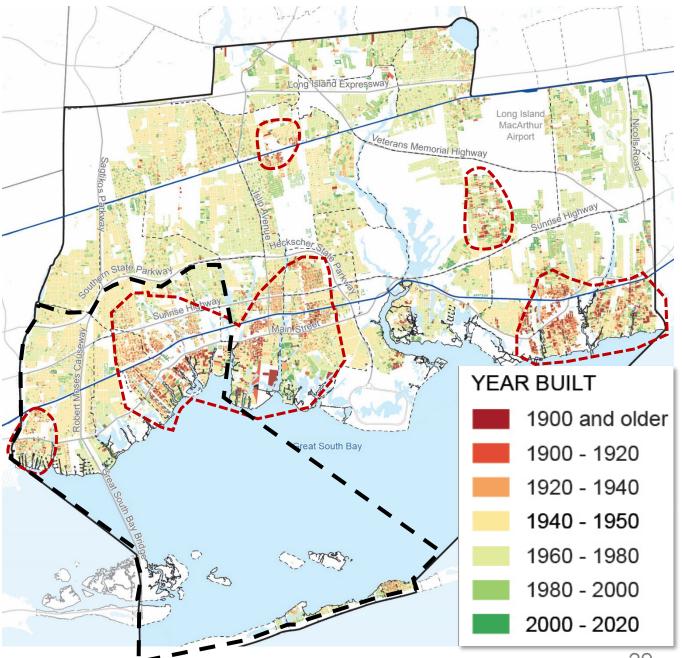


HOUSING

Development Patterns and Trends

Year Structure Built





West Islip, Bay Shore, West Bay Shore



- Bay Shore has higher share of multi-family homes compared to Town.
- New housing development near the downtown (Shoregate, Eleven Maple, etc.)
- Rentals (34.5%) vs. ownership (65.5%)
- Has contributed to revitalization of downtown, however, concerns about downtown development and oversaturation with rentals.







West Islip

- High owner-occupancy rate at almost 97% (Town avg is 80%)
- Almost exclusively single-family homes (98.5%)
- Very low vacancy rate of 2.4%

West Bay Shore

- Nearly all single-family homes (99.5% of housing stock)
- High owner-occupancy rate at over 96%
- No new housing development in the last 12 years







Aging housing stock:

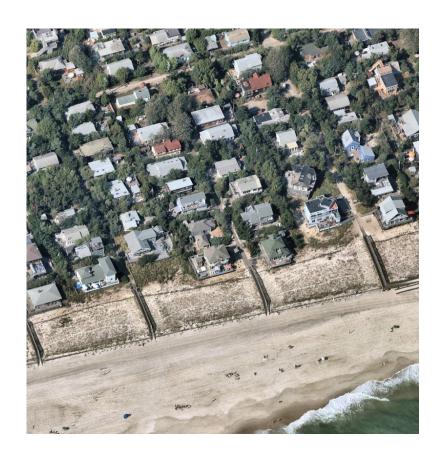
- Primarily seasonal
- 92% of homes were built before 1990, 42% built between
 1940–1969 during the post-war housing boom

Limited infrastructure:

- Many homes rely on cisterns, private wells, or ferry-delivered water
- No centralized water or sewer systems in most areas
- Some homes experience regular flooding or water underneath structure
- Saltwater intrusion impacting freshwater supply

New Development:

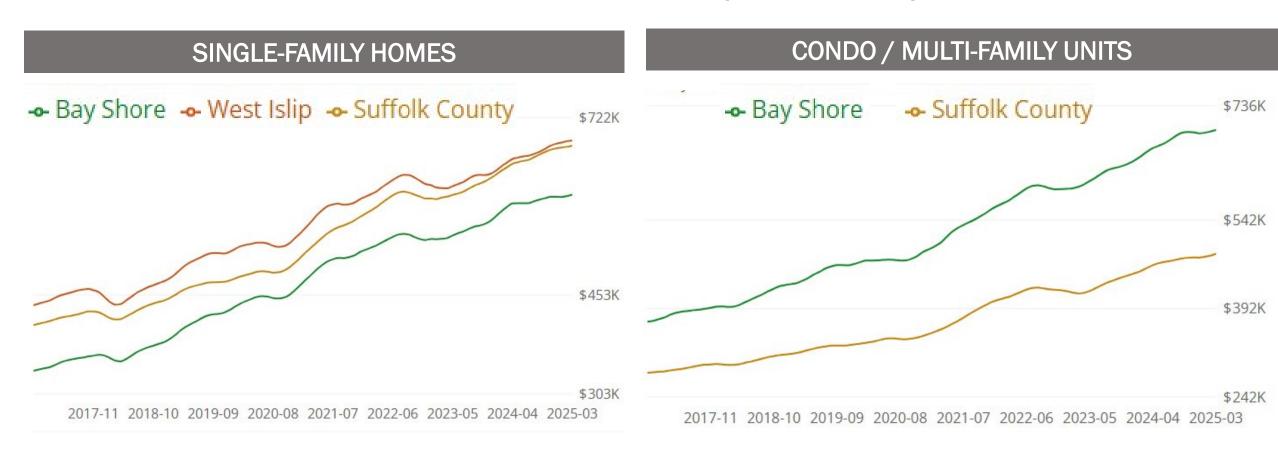
Concerns about increase in construction, overcrowding, and short-term rentals



HOUSING TRENDS

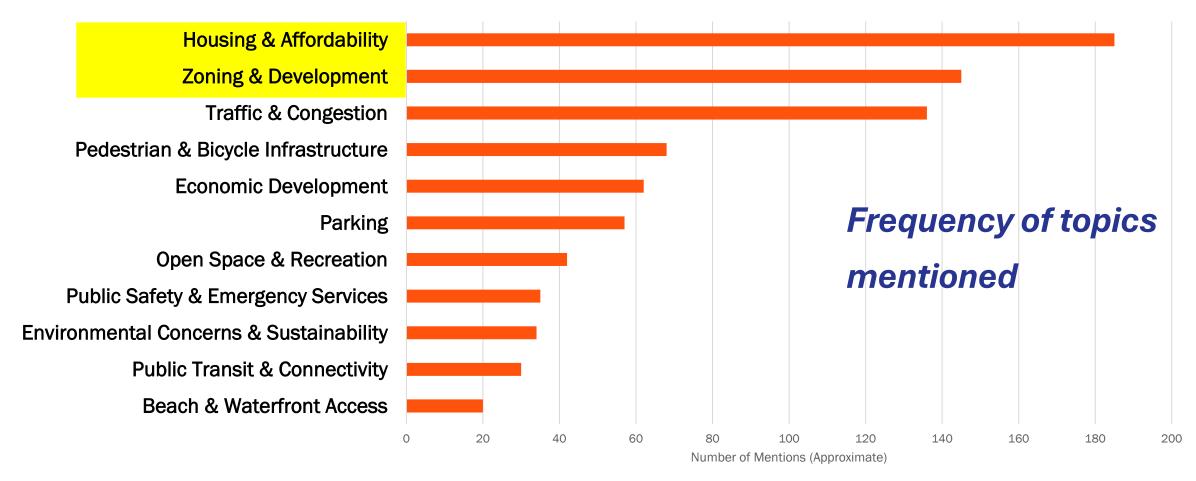
Housing Costs

Zillow Home Value Index (2017-2025)



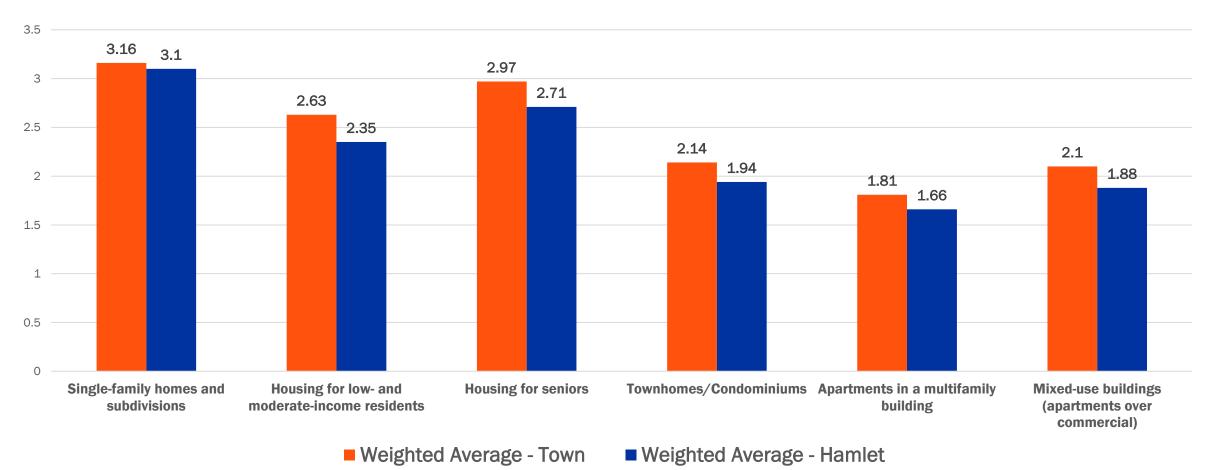


If there was one thing you could change or improve within the Town, what would that be?





What types of housing needs should be prioritized?





NEEDS

- Housing Affordability and Cost Burden
- Lack of Affordable Rental Housing
- Need for More Diverse Housing Options



CONCERNS

- Potential impact of new development (i.e. gentrification, school children, traffic)
- Preference for single-family housing types over apartments



- Affordable housing for young families, seniors, and vulnerable populations.
- Focus growth in established areas with access to infrastructure.
- Mixed-use and transit-oriented development to revitalize downtowns.
- Adaptive reuse of properties, especially underutilized large employment centers.
- Design guidelines to maintain cohesiveness of single-family fabric.
- Minimize impacts through gentle infill such as accessory dwelling units.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT TOURISM AND COMPATIBLE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT



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In the Town of Islip as a whole, identify if each of the following should be prioritized:

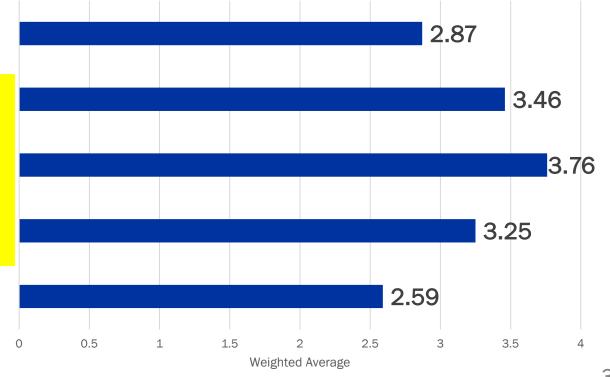
Promote a mix of residential and commercial spaces in downtown areas to support local shops

Encourage job and business growth

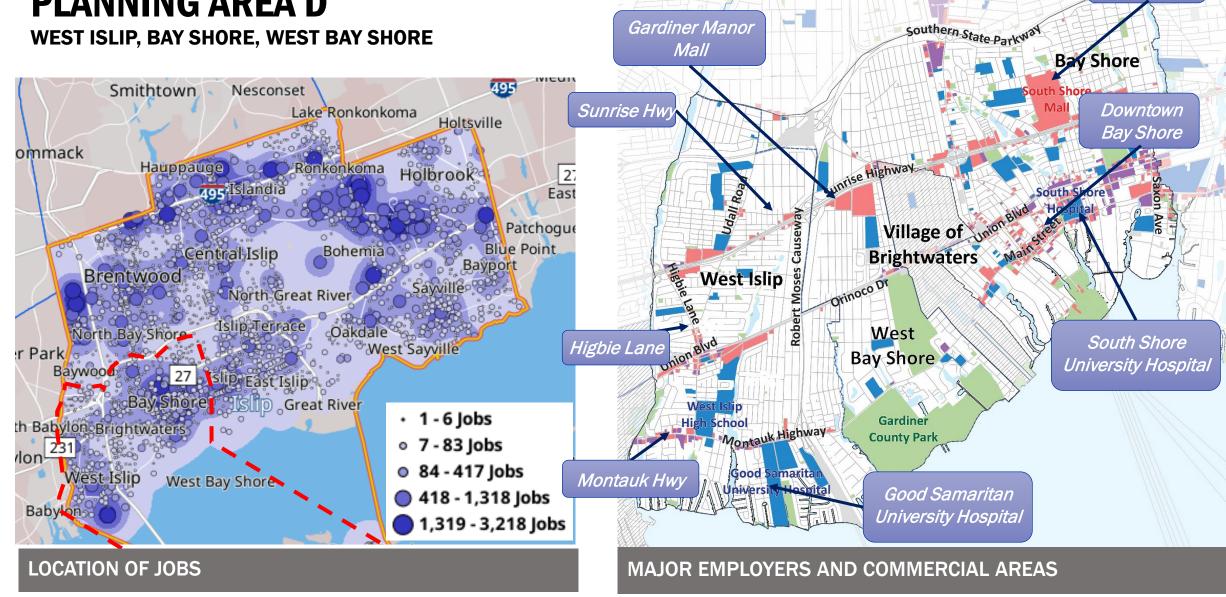
Support local small businesses and entrepreneurs

Improve the appearance of commercial corridors

Increase the variety and availability of regional shopping options



PLANNING AREA D



South Shore Mall



HAMLET AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

Downtown Bay Shore

- Downtown Bay Shore is a vibrant commercial corridor with a mix of uses and many dining and drinking establishments.
- Parking issues at peak hours on nights and weekends.
- Walkable but sidewalk conditions and pedestrian crossings vary on Main Street.

West Islip, Bay Shore, West Bay Shore









HAMLET AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

West Islip – Higbie Lane

- Commercial node on Higbie Lane lacks a defined downtown area.
- Concerns over lack of parking
- Frontages are predominantly car-oriented and lack consistent streetscape – but are generally walkable
- Pedestrian infrastructure condition variesrecent sidewalk and ramps installation on the east side of Higbie Lane (County road).
- Potential to study this area in the future.







ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT TOURISM AND COMPATIBLE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Hospitals and other medical facilities are major employers for the Town.
- Provide essential services
- Hospitals are undergoing major expansions:
 - Good Samaritan University Hospital.
 - South Shore University Hospital.

 Local concerns related to construction and traffic impacts.



Good Samaritan University Hospital expansion



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMEN

Fire Island

- **Tourism** supports local economy (i.e. Bay Shore businesses)
- Limited commercial zones support summer economy—mostly restaurants, shops, and lodging.
- Concern about impacts of new commercial uses. Little desire for new commercial development.
- Interagency collaboration: Multiple jurisdictions (Islip, Brookhaven, National Park Service) have jurisdiction on the island.



Fair Harbor Ferry Dock



Kismet Dock



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT TOURISM AND COMPATIBLE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Potential Strategies

- Housing Needs: Increase affordable options for workforce stability.
- Retail & Commercial: Expand local shopping and business options.
- Downtowns: Continue investing in mixed-use, walkable downtowns.
- Mixed-Use: Combine housing, retail, and offices to cut commutes.
- Green Building: Promote eco-friendly standards for new developments.
- Zoning Changes: Update zoning to allow for downtown revitalization, mixed-use, more housing choices and sustainable development.



TRANSPORTATION

PROVIDE SAFE AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



Transportation Patterns

Transportation to Work



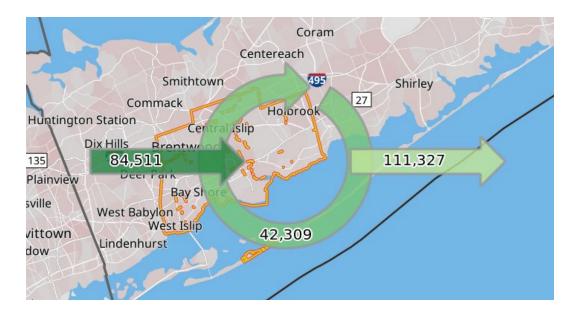


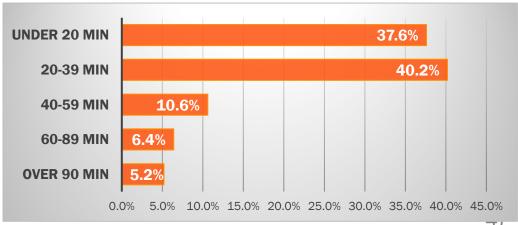


4% Take Transit

2/3 of employed residents have commute times over 20 minutes

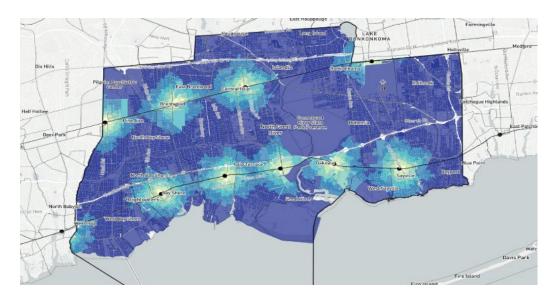








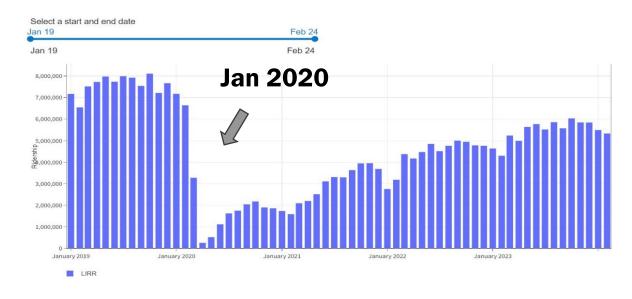
Transportation Patterns



WALK TIME TO TRAIN STATIONS

Public Transit Challenges:

Low-density land use: only 17% live within a 20-min walk of a station.



LIRR CHANGES IN RIDERSHIP (JANUARY 2018-FEBRUARY 2024)

LIRR Usage:

Ronkonkoma and Montauk Branches saw ridership increase post-pandemic.



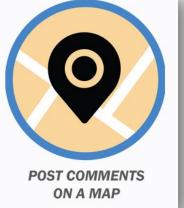
Road Network and Congestion

- Concentration of major highways and key commercial corridors (State roads).
- Public comments:
 - Desire for safety and traffic congestion improvements for Sunrise Hwy and Robert Moses Causeway interchange.
 - Traffic concerns for when Good Sam hospital expansion is completed.
 - Speeding concerns on Montauk Highway.



GO TO THE BOARDS OR TO THE INTERACTIVE MAP:

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Pedestrian Infrastructure

- Many comments focused on Bay Shore
 - Uneven sidewalks in need of improvements.
 - Need for crosswalks in some areas (e.g., Gibson and Homan in Bay Shore).
- Gaps in the sidewalk system, for example:
 - Sections of Montauk Highway, near the Bay Shore Marina, and on Gibson Street.
- Town has worked to improve ped and bike connections between Main Street and the Fire Island ferry terminal.
- Looking at closing pedestrian loop between Main Street and marina.









Bike Infrastructure

- Support for bike lanes on Union Boulevard. The County is in the conceptual design phase for this project.
- Ongoing coordination with County to address other gaps.
- Bike lanes recently added on Maple Ave to improve connections between Bay Shore downtown and the Fire Island ferry terminal/marina.





Public Transit



Bay Shore Bus Hub relocation (12/15/24)



SCT Bus Network



- Ferry schedules designed for summer peak months.
 Very limited service in winter.
- Ferry service is a private operator
- On-island travel limited to walking, biking, and utility carts—challenging for accessibility and emergency response.
- Limited vehicular access through Robert Moses State Park
- Comments regarding restrictions on driving and golf carts on the island





- Road Improvements: Advocate for state and county investments in congestion relief.
- Public Transit: Consider advocating for improvements to bus service.
- Pedestrian & Bike Networks: Identify and address network gaps with local partners and enhance safety.
- Parking: Identify solutions to increase parking availability where needed.
- Regional Alignment: Align Islip's priorities with regional multi-modal goals.

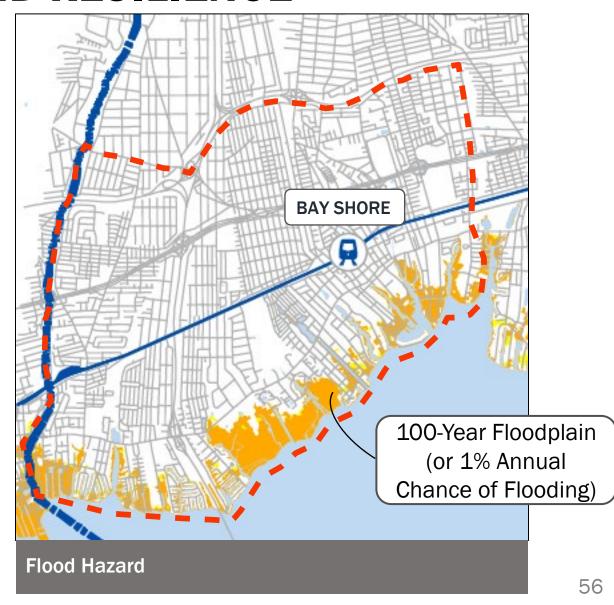


PROTECT A COASTAL COMMUNITY AND PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES



Flood Risk & Resilience

- 22.7% of Islip's land is in the 100-year floodplain, with 4,700 residential units at risk.
- Coast is vulnerable to flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise.
- Area was particularly impacted by Superstorm Sandy.
- The Town received federal funding to address chronic flooding on Eaton Lane in West Islip, as part of a resilience project of nearly \$6M.





Water Quality and Flooding Mitigation

- "NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan" recommended strategies to mitigate future flooding impacts.
- Priority area to restore, protect and preserve water quality (Great South Bay and aquifer).
- Strategies include:
 - Restore and protect wetlands/marshlands
 - Tributary creeks clean-up





- Barrier island shields mainland but also absorbs impact of coastal storms. Sandy terrain and low elevation increase vulnerability.
- Hurricane Sandy (2012) caused widespread damage.
- Rare coastal ecosystem: Habitat for piping plovers and migratory birds
- Ongoing threats:
 - Sea-level rise
 - Drain maintenance
 - Beach nourishment
 - Increasing storm intensity
 - Saltwater intrusion





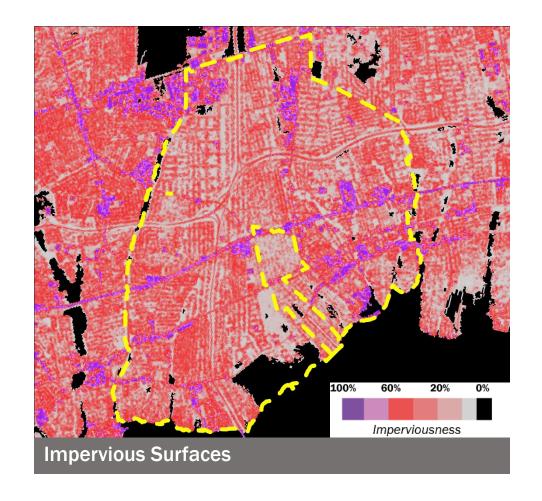


- Comments from Civic Groups
 - Concerns about increase in construction, overcrowding, and short-term rentals
 - Need for fire and ambulance equipment/infrastructure upgrades due to aging equipment and expanded service areas.
 - Walkway deterioration due to mooring-related foot traffic.
 - Need for more full-time residents who support the island year-round, including school, EMS, and fire services.
 - Need for stricter zoning enforcement to prevent overbuilding.
 - Request for an advisory board to guide the Town on unique permitting and policy needs affecting year-round residents.
 - Need for improved coordination with the Town of Islip and Fire Island National Seashore.



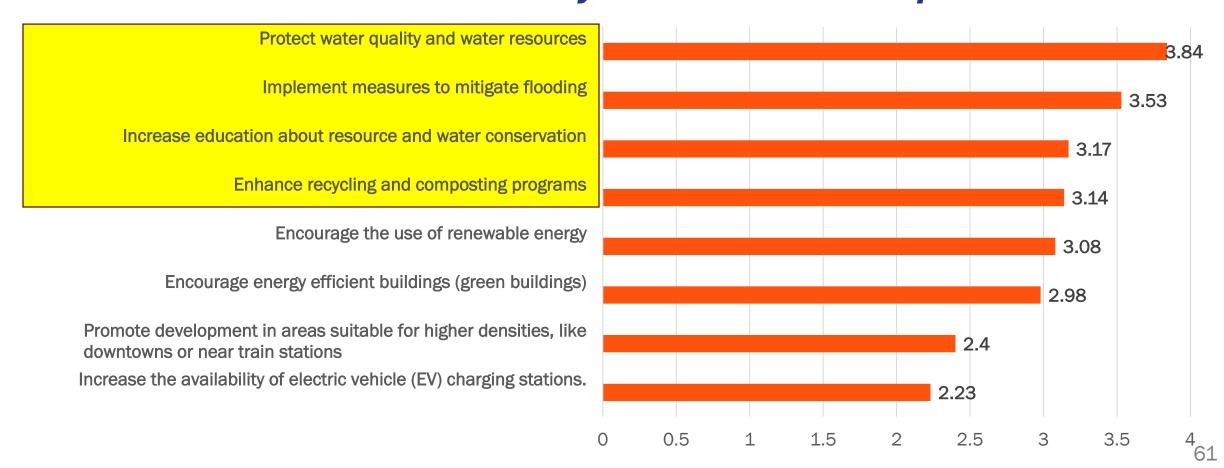
Impervious Surfaces and Stormwater Runofi

- Significant presence of impervious surfaces in commercial corridors and industrial areas.
- Lack of greenery along major commercial corridors exacerbates heat island effect.
- Adding green infrastructure such as rain gardens help manage stormwater, reduce flooding, and improve water quality.
- Stormwater run-off impacts water quality; It is a regional issue.





Which of the following sustainability objectives should be prioritized?





- Stormwater Infrastructure: Upgrade systems to control runoff and pollution.
- Green Infrastructure: Use rain gardens, permeable pavement, and trees to manage water, cool streets, and enhance air quality.
- Sustainable Transportation: Promote transit, cycling, walking, and EV adoption.
- Water Management: Balance water use with conservation and environmental protection.
- Water Quality: Advance efforts to restore and protect water resources.
- Waste Management: Expand recycling and composting programs.
- Community Resilience: Strengthen preparedness for emergencies and climate impacts.

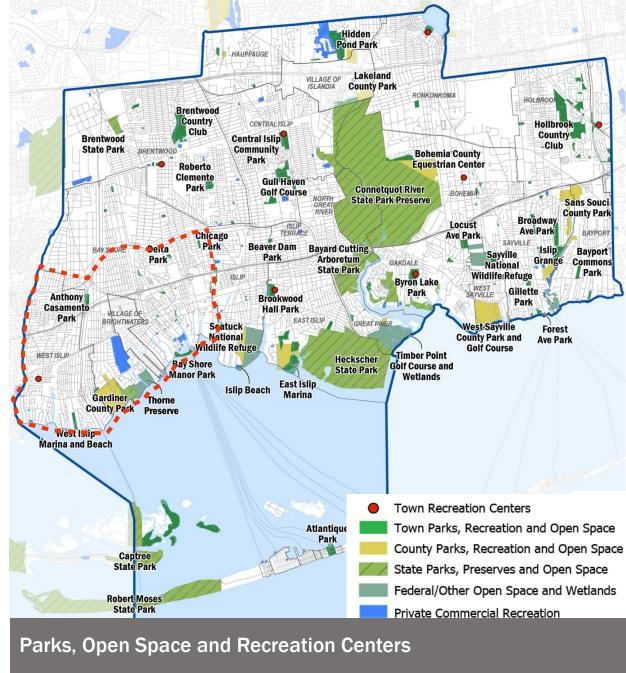


PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE

ENHANCE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES



- Town maintains approximately 100 facilities between parks, beaches, recreational facilities, golf courses, marinas, etc.
- Town provides youth and senior programs, events and concerts to engage its residents in cultural activities.
- Access to the water for boating and connecting to Fire Island is an important amenity in this area.



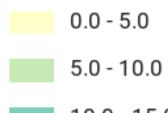


PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE

Parks and Recreational Spaces

WALKING DISTANCE FROM PUBLIC PARKS

(in minutes)





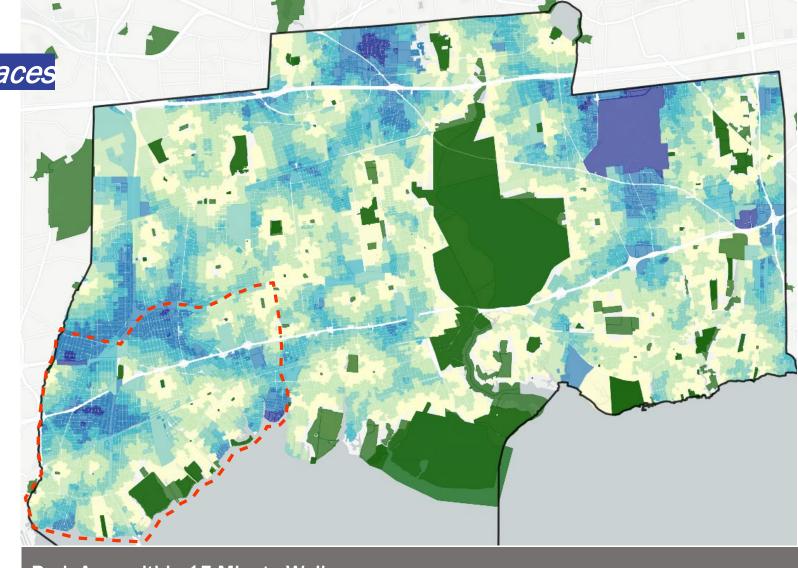
15.0 - 20.0

20.0 - 30.0 parks

30.0 - 54.2

Closer to parks

Farther away from



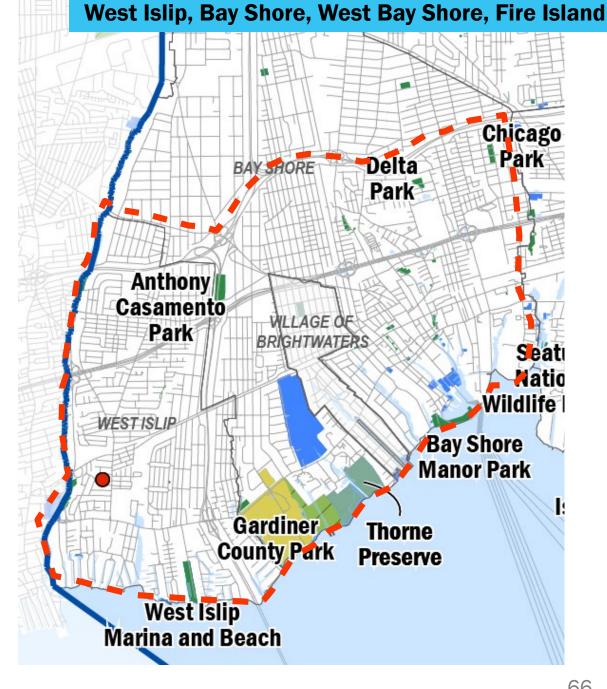
Park Area within 15-Minute Walk



- The Town owns all the canals, beaches, and marinas.
- West Islip Marina and Beach.
 - Popular destination
 - Large renovation planned.
 - In need of resilience features to withstand future storm events.
- Bay Shore Marina and Manor Park

Other County/State owned assets:

- Gardiner County Park
- Thorne Preserve





- Anthony Casamento Park
 - Pool in need of attention
 - Survey highlighted desire for improvements
- West Islip Recreation Center
- Large school fields desire to collaborate with schools to organize community events





- Facility Needs: Assess parks and recreation gaps based on community feedback.
- Connectivity: Expand multi-use trails linking parks to neighborhoods.
- Low-Impact Building: Encourage green roofs, energy-efficient design, and ecofriendly development.
- Funding: Seek grants, partnerships, and community fundraising for park improvements.
- Programming: Expand environmental education through workshops and guided tours.
- Community Outreach: Partner with businesses and nonprofits to support conservation and recreation.



PUBLIC SERVICES

DELIVER EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICES AND FOSTER COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY



PUBLIC SERVICES

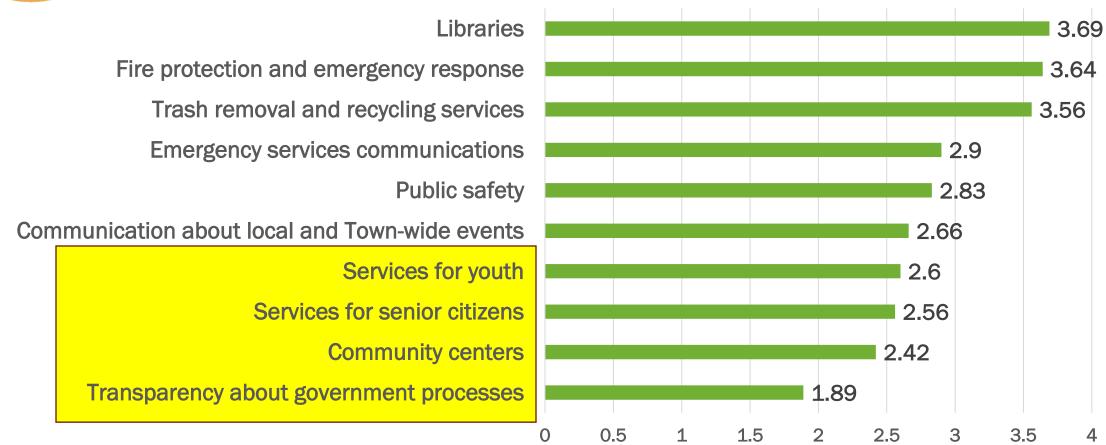
Public Services & Community Well-Being

- 14 Town departments provide key services, programs and support.
- Collaboration with Suffolk County Police, school districts, fire departments, chambers of commerce, civics, and healthcare providers.
- Community well-being is supported through senior services, recreational programs, libraries, youth support.





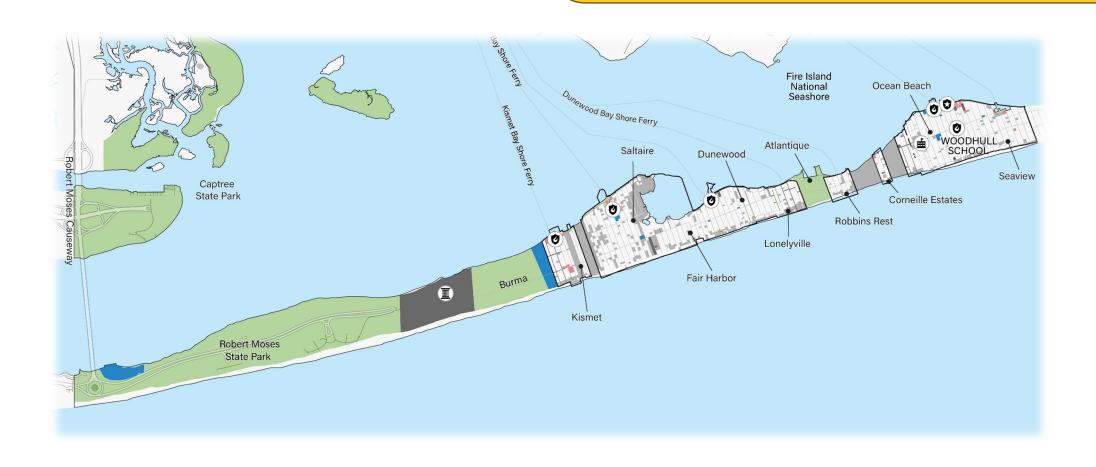
Do these topics meet the needs of your household?



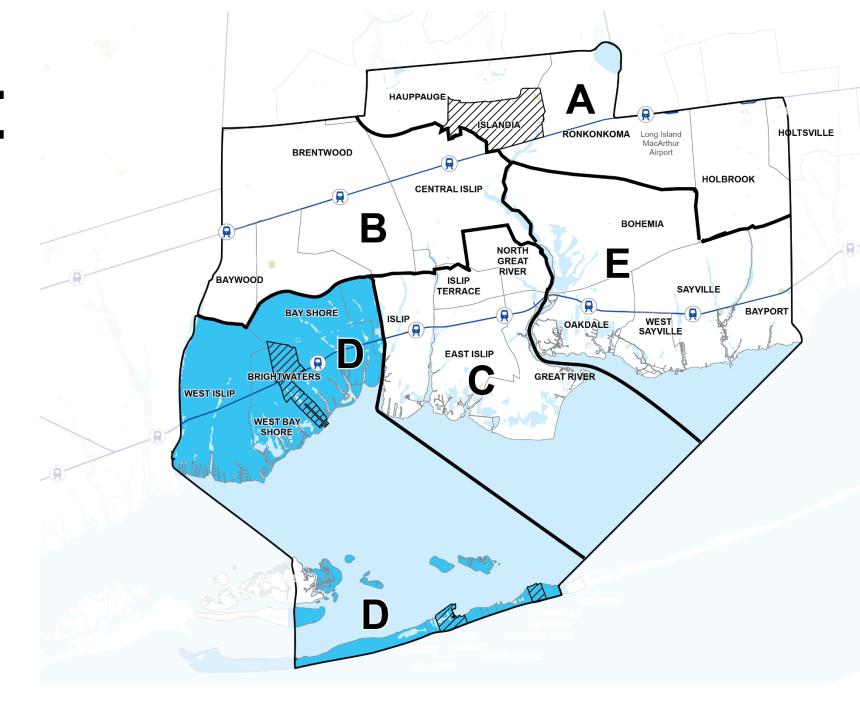


VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON May 22 at 6PM

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OPEN HOUSE



BFJ Planning

4 WORKSTATIONS



Housing





Transportation and Mobility







Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Public Services

Sustainability and Resilience

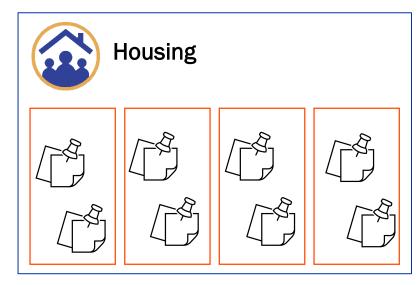
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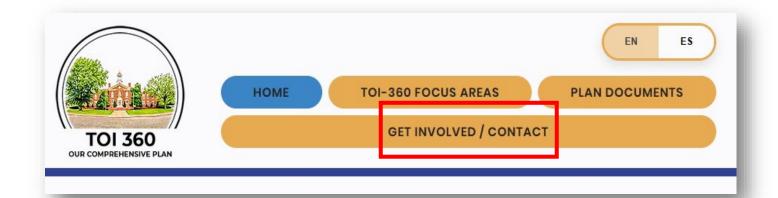
2 Potential Strategies

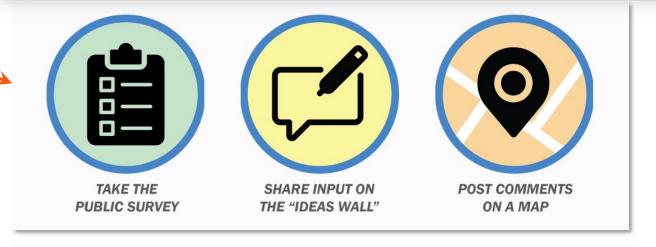


3 Hamlet Specific Comments

NEXT STEPS

- Visit the website www.TOI360.com
- Post comments online.
- Sign up on the website for project updates.
- Participate to public hearings (date TBD).





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