

North Haven Community Vision Process Charting Our Future

The Town of North Haven is facilitating a process to collectively identify what is most important to all of us: our top concerns and challenges as a community, and what we envision for our future. We invite you to join this important conversation.



What is a Community Vision?

A community vision is a simple statement describing an idealistic picture of what we collectively want for our community in both the short and long-term. A vision is aspirational and inspirational and, unlike a mission, does not define our purpose or strategies, but rather a desired state of being. It is used to guide a community's priorities, strategies, and actions by providing a clear and collectively agreed upon foundation for planning.

Learn more about vision statements www.northhavenmaine.org.

Vision Process Phases

- 1 **Introduction**
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- 2 **Hearing from You!**
community conversations
community-wide survey
one-on-one conversations
- 3 **Review & Analyze**
collect input and information
- 4 **Draft Vision Statement**
based on your input
- 5 **Get Your Feedback**
and revise statement
- 6 **Final Vision Statement**
reflects community consensus
- 7 **Generate & Prioritize Objectives**
based on vision statement
- 8 **Create Work Plan**
based on priorities

What is North Haven's Community Vision Process?

North Haven's community vision process is designed to engage all members of our community to address these primary questions:

- What do I value most about this community? Collectively, what does our community value most?
- What are our top concerns and challenges as a community? In the short term? In the long term?
- What regional, state, national, and global challenges impact us? How do they impact us?
- What concerns and challenges do I think our community should commit to working on and investing in over the next 1-10 years?

Everyone will have the opportunity to be involved either in-person or virtually in the community vision process. The Town will be soliciting feedback and responses to these questions through one-on-one and group conversations, a community-wide survey, and through in-person (COVID dependent) and virtual "community conversations."

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Get Community Vision updates in your inbox!

Stay on top of progress and information; sign up to be on the community vision process email list by contacting Mia Colloredo-Mansfeld or Rick Lattimer.

Questions? Feedback? Get Involved.

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Why is creating a Community Vision important?

There are many reasons why the Town is investing in this process and why we need the community to join us.

- We need to update our Comprehensive Plan; we will need a community vision as the foundation for that plan.
- Grant and loan applications routinely ask for the Town's vision statement.
- A vision statement will help the Select Board and other town boards and groups make decisions for the future.

But perhaps most importantly...

Our island is changing; we can either manage that change ourselves or let it manage us. See data and learn more about how North Haven is changing.

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Who's leading this effort?

The Town of North Haven, represented by the North Haven Select Board, is driving this process, and Rick Lattimer, Town Administrator, is serving as the project leader. The Select Board believes this process is a critical step toward long-term planning and prioritization to ensure the resiliency of our year-round community. Rick is working with the North Haven Collective, a network of volunteers, committed to building a more resilient community through connection, communication, and action. In addition, North Haven's new Island Institute Fellow, Mia Colloredo-Mansfeld, and Vinalhaven-based facilitator and planner, Gabe McPhail, are supporting Rick with process design and overall project assistance.

What is the timeline?

Action	Date
Kickoff Meetings	August, September 2021
Community Conversations	October 2021
Community Survey Release	September – October 2021
Analyze Survey, Meeting, & Conversation Input	October – November 2021
Develop Vision Statement in draft form	October – November 2021
Share draft Vision Statement, get feedback, repeat	November 2021
Finalize Process	December 2021
Presentation & Next Steps	January 2022

How can I contribute and/or get involved in the process?

There are many ways to be a part of this important process. Whether you participate in a one-on-one conversation with Rick or a member of the North Haven Collective, complete the community survey, are part of a smaller group discussion, participate in a larger community conversation, or all of the above, your voice is a fundamental part of North Haven's future. *Want to help with the process? Have skills and time to offer? Contact Rick to share your ideas, and thank you for joining this process!*

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