

# Calling All Brewster Residents!

## Attend Town Meeting November 13 & Vote on Brewster's LCP!



### Brewster Local Comprehensive Plan

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| <b>What is a Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP)?</b>                     | The Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) is an important planning tool used to guide a community by addressing and balancing a diversity of needs including economic growth, protection of environmental resources, quality of life, and community character.  |
| <b>How Does an LCP Work?</b>   | The LCP is a vehicle for each town to define its vision for planning for future change and protecting shared resources on Cape Cod. The LCP offers direction to help guide a town's land-use decisions, housing, and other policies over the next ten or more years. In addition to articulating a vision statement and establishing goals across many sectors, the LCP is a source of information about existing and expected conditions within the town that will change over time as the values and expectations of the community evolve.   |
| <b>How Does the LCP Relate to Brewster's Vision Plan?</b>            | Brewster's LCP is the next step in the town's Vision Planning process. Comprised of local citizen volunteers, Brewster's Vision Planning Committee (VPC) drafted the LCP utilizing the Brewster Vision Plan's "Vision Statement" and "Building Blocks" as its foundation. It does not replace the Vision Plan; rather it develops that plan in greater detail.   |
| <b>How Was Brewster's LCP Created &amp; How Has It Been Revised?</b> | <p>The VPC utilized the town's 2018 Vision Plan, Vision Statement, and Building Blocks as its cornerstones. As with the Vision Plan, the Draft LCP was developed over two+ years based upon extensive input from Brewster citizens, town committees, staff, and a broad range of organizations representing environmental interests, housing, local businesses, etc.</p> <p>In early 2022, the VPC prepared a "Next Steps" survey which solicited community input on the Draft LCP's Action Plan and the full LCP, with over 2300 citizens – or 25% of residents -- participating. Based on voter direction from the 2022 Fall and 2023 Special Town Meetings, LCP text has been subsequently updated and simplified, and <i>all text about pursuing a proposed boardwalk to Wing Island has been removed.</i></p> |
| <b>Why is the LCP Important to Brewster Citizens?</b>                | <p>Preparing and updating an LCP helps ensure that Brewster responds to changing needs in a sustainable manner. It also serves as a guide and resource for elected officials, board members, and community residents for future decision-making.</p> <p>For example, the LCP "Action Plan" describes a range of issues Brewster residents have deemed vitally important such as expanding housing opportunities for young families, workers, and seniors; protecting our water supply; preserving the water quality of our ponds; preserving community character; fostering local small businesses; and mitigating and adapting to climate change.</p>   |
| <b>Where Can I Learn More and How Can I Help?</b>                    | All Brewster citizens are encouraged to learn more about the LCP. Stay tuned for community outreach opportunities in October and November and visit the town website at <a href="http://brewster-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan">brewster-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan</a> for more information. And most important, attend Town Meeting November 13 and have your voice heard on Brewster's Local Comprehensive Plan!   |
| <b>What Happens After Town Meeting Adopts the LCP?</b>               | Once adopted, the LCP will be implemented through the Town's standard capital budgeting and Select Board's annual strategic planning processes. Residents will have ongoing opportunities for input and feedback on specific projects and initiatives, and the Select Board will report annually through various channels on LCP implementation progress.  |



**For more info, visit:**

**[www.brewster-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan](http://www.brewster-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan)**

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