

Creating Resilience: A Planning Initiative – Outline of Goals and Strategies

Community Identified Vision for Long Beach – “Develop a vibrant and sustainable community, with a resilient economy and environment that protects and enhances safety, health, diversity, arts/culture, transportation, infrastructure and quality of life for current and future residents and guests of Long Beach.”

What is the Draft Comprehensive Plan?

The Draft Comprehensive Plan (CP) has been developed through a community driven process in which goals, aspirations and visions for the future of the City have been addressed. Extensive public outreach was done and input was gathered from residents and business owners in the following ways: five public meetings held, four Community Advisory Committee meetings, two focus groups (Arts and the Economy), and 1200 responses to a city-wide survey.

The CP will include traditional and non-traditional aspects, some of the key components are: sustainability and resiliency, economic sustainability, housing, recreation and green space, and social health and well-being city-wide. Major focuses of the CP also include downtown redevelopment, transit oriented development (TOD), and economic and resiliency opportunities in three key areas; the Bayfront, Central Downtown and Oceanfront. Practically, these areas will have a phased approach to their redevelopment and goals will be achieved through short, mid and long term solutions. All recommendations have considered the need for parking solutions, any impacts on schools, stormwater mitigation, various land use demand from demographic trends and community input, etc.

What is the Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and how does it fit with the Comprehensive Plan?

As a coastal community it makes sense to have the Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) prepared with community input that addresses all issues affecting a community's waterfront. The LWRP will have the same recommendations as the CP, with the addition of policies to advance community planning from a vision to implementation. When the policies are approved, they must be upheld by the state, and will also provide access to state funding.

Goals and Strategies of the CP and LWRP:

Goal: Increase environmental resiliency post-Superstorm Sandy

Strategies:

- ✓ Adding storm water mitigation techniques, including green solutions, when repaving/reconstructing city streets and in any proposed redevelopments
- ✓ Conservation of water to preserve the Lloyd aquifer
- ✓ Protect, consolidate or relocate critical infrastructure
- ✓ Support Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) dune project continuation
- ✓ Continue working with NYS on the Northshore Bulkheading project

Goal: Create a more productive, sustainable year-round economy that supports shops, retail and restaurants

Strategies:

- ✓ Proposed commercial redevelopment – provides jobs and retail for residents
- ✓ Creation of a performing and cultural arts space to accommodate the robust cultural arts community, provide stability to local businesses and amenity to residents
- ✓ Additional parking to alleviate the severe issue as well as accommodate any future redevelopment

Goal: Strengthen all of our downtowns including developing the Park Ave. downtown as a Transit Oriented Development

Strategies:

- ✓ Provide housing – diverse and sustainable mix for residents, their children, retirees looking to downsize and young professionals, with easy access to the train
- ✓ Offices, retail, supermarket, cultural/performing arts space –accessible within walking distance to TOD housing
- ✓ Focus on public transportation and bicycle use
- ✓ Alleviate the parking issue

Goal: Provide diverse and affordable housing options that will retain our young adult population and retirees – Keep families together in Long Beach

Strategies:

- ✓ No eminent domain to take existing homes
- ✓ Introduce mixed income housing that includes affordable workforce housing
- ✓ Programs and services for first-time home buyers, financial literacy, etc.
- ✓ Keep families together in Long Beach – young adults and seniors

Goal: Alleviate the tax burden on existing residents with appropriate, sustainable redevelopment that creates jobs

Strategies:

- ✓ Public-private partnerships to provide necessary improvements and resources
- ✓ Programs and services – Job training, business seminars and assistance for new and existing businesses
- ✓ Priority for local jobs

Goal: As requested through the North Park Plan, redevelopment in North Park with mixed income housing and jobs, with supportive programming

Strategies:

- ✓ Mixed income housing options, to keep families in Long Beach, with supportive programming and services
- ✓ Creation of and access to jobs through redevelopment
- ✓ Reintroduce retail that once supported the community
- ✓ Introduce access to waterfront activities and green space

Goal: Preserve neighborhood and community character

Strategies:

- ✓ Ensure all potential projects fit sustainably within the context of residential community and character
- ✓ All redevelopment will be scaled and transitioned appropriately for each neighborhood

Goal: Seek more green, open space and recreational areas

Strategies:

- ✓ Addition of public green and open spaces
- ✓ Bayfront esplanade with bridge over the LIRR – provide space and accessibility for residents to the waterfront
- ✓ Oceanfront park – potential green public open space
- ✓ Marinas – boat launch, kayak launch – access to waterfront activities
- ✓ Reimagined Kennedy Plaza – more useful and engaging central space for events and gathering – improve residents quality of life

Goal: Implement Complete Streets and strengthen mobility options

Strategies:

- ✓ Focus on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- ✓ Health and safety focus – bikeability, walkability and accessibility
- ✓ More attractive alternative modes of transportation

Goal: Implement parking strategies to alleviate the severe perennial issue

Strategies:

- ✓ Adequate parking requirement for any new development
- ✓ Parking accommodation for residents and their families/friends Parking accommodation for beach goes to alleviate impact on residents
- ✓ Parking accommodation for downtown shopping and dining as well as transit oriented development with additional housing
- ✓ Seek site and funding for a West end parking garage