

TRURO LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUMMARY

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WHAT IS A LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- An important planning tool used to guide the growth and direction of Truro while balancing a wide variety of needs, including protection of environmental resources, economic growth, quality of life, & community character.
- A living document & resource for elected officials, board members, town staff & community residents to help guide future decisions
- A source of information about existing & expected conditions within a town that will change over time as the values & expectations of the community evolve.
- The LCP is not law or regulation. It creates direction to help guide land-use decisions and policies in the town for the next 10-plus year planning period.

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 & general direction** of the LCP.*

*A vote in favor of the LCP **does not** mean you are voting to adopt every single recommendation within its pages.*

*A vote in favor **does not** authorize the spending or borrowing of any money or the construction of any structure.*



OVERVIEW

The full Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) contains an extensive section on Existing Conditions in Truro. This includes data and discussion of topics including people, environment and climate change, history, housing, geography and land use, economy, community government and engagement. All this provides the background for the focus of this plan – what's next. This summary is focused on the future focused section of the plan - our 5 priorities and how to address them. The interrelated 5 priority areas are: Housing, Environment & Climate Change, Economy, Local & Regional Infrastructure and Community Culture.

The full LCP is available at: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/local-comprehensive-plan-committee>

FINDING BALANCE

As Truro moves forward, our work is to balance, not choose, the different needs and priorities of our community.

For example:

- Truro should add more housing **and** protect the environment.
- Truro should better serve its residents **and** not price longtime residents out of town.
- Truro should support the needs of young families **and** the needs of senior residents.
- Truro should support a thriving summer tourist economy **and** a thriving year-round community.



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



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GROWTH POLICY

The Town of Truro Growth Management Policy expressed throughout this Local Comprehensive Plan is to 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.

OUR PRIORITIES

Truro will build a collaborative and supportive community culture

Truro will work to protect the natural and built environment and address the impacts of climate change

Truro will take action to address the housing crisis across a wide variety of demographics and income levels

Truro will support business and economic opportunities

Truro will work with other Cape communities to address regional and Outer Cape infrastructure needs

Truro will take action to address the housing crisis across a wide variety of demographics and income levels by:

- Encouraging community housing development at multiple sites throughout town
- Ensuring environmental impacts are adequately addressed in all new housing development, including high quality wastewater treatment
- Encouraging creative approaches, including regulatory reform to support housing development



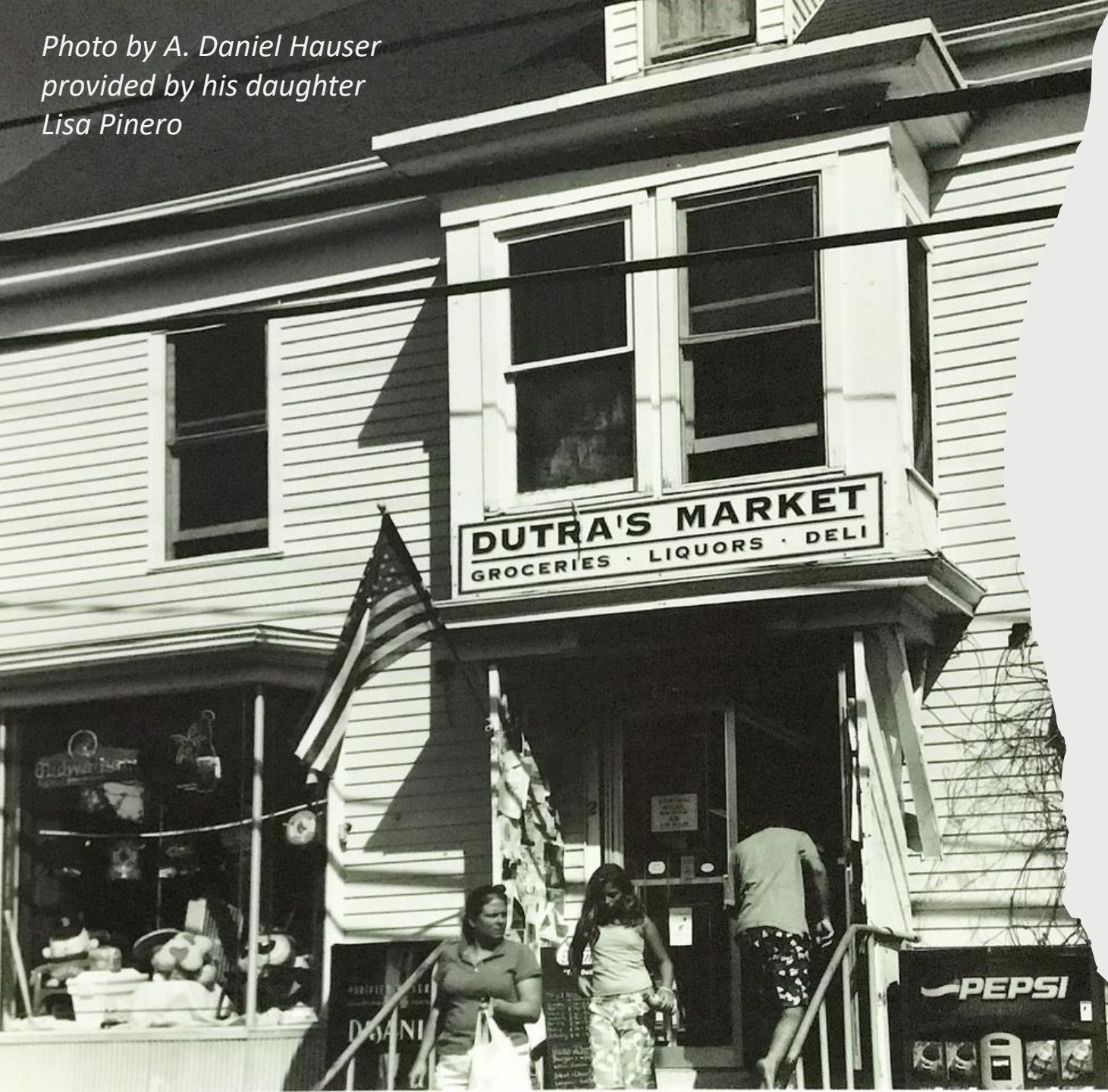
TRURO WILL WORK TO PROTECT THE NATURAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENT & ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY:

- Ensuring availability adequate, safe, and reliable drinking water to meet future needs
- Supporting municipal, business, and private efforts to mitigate the Town's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and providing support for appropriately scaled and sited renewable energy projects
- Seeking climate resilience by working with the Cape Cod National Seashore and other local, regional, state, and federal partners to implement coastal adaptation measures
- Strongly encouraging energy conservation/reduction measures in all new development

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TRURO WILL SUPPORT BUSINESS & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES BY:

- Supporting development of adequate space & housing opportunities for tradespeople to live & work in Truro
- Supporting existing businesses & exploring creative ways to entice new businesses in Truro
- Providing additional educational opportunities for future workers
- Ensuring the availability of adequate support services including recreation and healthcare to allow Truro residents to live & work in Truro

Truro will work with other Cape communities to address regional and Outer Cape infrastructure needs by:

- Focusing housing development in areas with existing or planned infrastructure, including drinking water, wastewater treatment, transportation, & reliable internet services
- Working with Internet service providers, regional agencies, & OpenCape Corporation to extend broadband and reliable Internet service to the entire Truro community
- Seeking improvements to the safety, reliability, & year-round availability of a regional transportation system for the entire Truro Community.

TRURO WILL BUILD A COLLABORATIVE & SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY CULTURE BY:

- Ensuring that community conversations are respectful & constructive
- Promoting communication between town staff, Boards & members of the public is done in ways that promote collaboration and cohesion among all citizens
- Providing transparency in decision-making
- Promoting events to engage and reach all generations throughout the year
- Actively encouraging participation by part-time residents, seasonal homeowners, seasonal residents, local workforce, & underrepresented groups in the community
- Providing opportunities for full participation in community decision making events by removing barriers to participation, such as lack of childcare, lack of transportation, scheduling challenges etc.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Final version of the plan presented to community at the October 21, 2023 Special Town Meeting for approval
- Approved plan submitted to Cape Cod Commission
- Approval of Truro's LCP by the Cape Cod Commission will give us access to technical assistance and other benefits from the Commission.



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