

## Agenda

- Welcome
- Why is the town working on a comprehensive plan?
- Overview of Draft Chapters
- Keypad Polling
- Break
- Small Group Discussion
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- Report In/Wrap Up



## Comprehensive Planning 101

- Engages the public in discussions about who we are as a community and who we want to be
- Creates a vision for a community to move into the future
- Develops a road map for how to get there, providing guidance to governing bodies and the public for moving forward

## Comprehensive Planning 101

#### Reasons for developing a comprehensive plan:

- Legal protection for your ordinances
  - Necessary to enact zoning, impact fees, and growth ordinances
- Consistent comprehensive plans allow
  - Preferred status for many state grants
  - Guide state capital investment towards growth areas
- Provide communities clear guidance in order to integrate spending and policies to meet community goals.

## Comprehensive Plans in Maine

- Planning to Plan (selecting a committee and determining needs to complete work)
- Developing a Vision
- Public Participation Plan
- Inventories and Analyses
- Goals and Policies
- Implementation Plan

## Inventories & Analysis

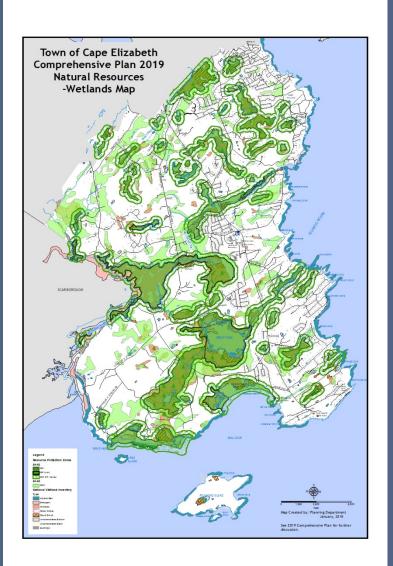
- Natural Resources
- Water Resources
- Historic & Archaeological Resources
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Marine Resources
- Local and Regional Economy

- Population and Demographics
- Housing
- Land Use Patterns
- Transportation
- Recreation & Open Space
- Public Facilities & Services
- Fiscal Capacity

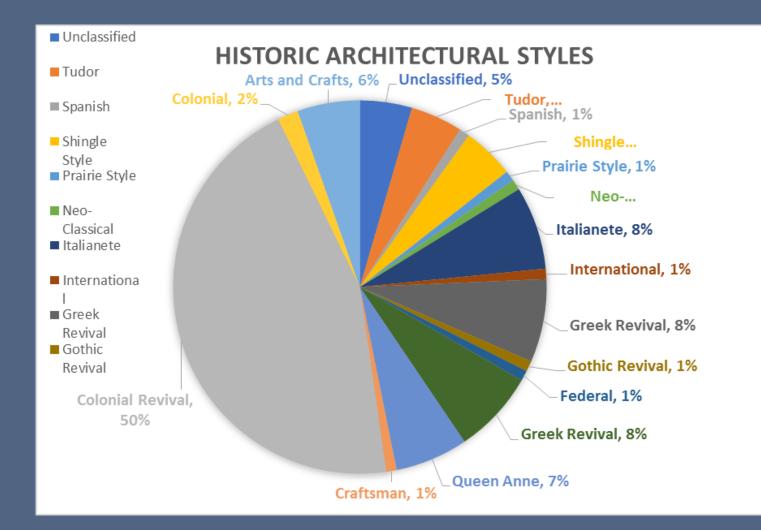
### Natural & Water Resources Chapters

- Protecting the natural environment is the highest priority for residents
- 30% of the town is in Resource Protection Districts, protecting wetlands and flood plains.
- Trout Brook is considered an urban impaired stream.
- The town still has two overboard discharges, including one in Smugglers Cove and one at Portland Head Light owned by the town.
- The town has created protection around wetlands and Great Pond.

### Natural & Water Resources Chapters



## Historic & Archaeological Resources Chapter



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# Chapter

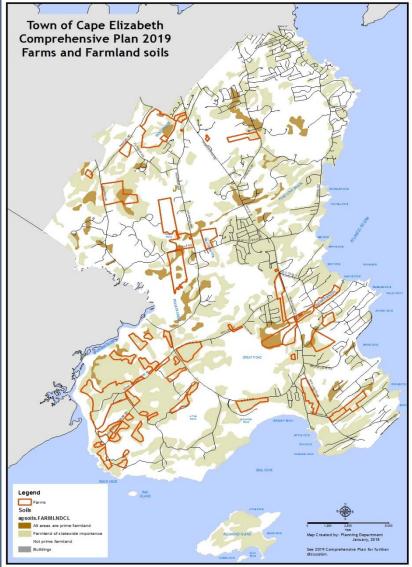


# Agriculture and Forestry Resources Chapter

- Total acreage in property value reduction programs has increased by 8% since 2006.
- There are more farms now than there were in the 1960s.
- Farms face challenges related to aging ownership, changing markets, and encroachment of residential development.

2018 Property Value Reduction Programs			
		Number of	
Program	Acres enrolled	parcels	
Conservation Land	1139.58	51	
Farm Open Space	307.8	22	
Tree Growth - Hard wood	251.24	28	
Tree Growth - Mixed wood	494.02	26	
Tree Growth - Soft wood	458.1	27	

## Agriculture and Forestry Resources Chapter



# Recreation & Open Space Chapter

- Open Space and recreation opportunities are identified by the residents as the most important features of the town.
- The town is currently considering how they might raise revenue through activities at Fort Williams.
- There is a detailed Management
  Plan of Greenbelt and Open
  Space Plan



# Recreation & Open Space Chapter

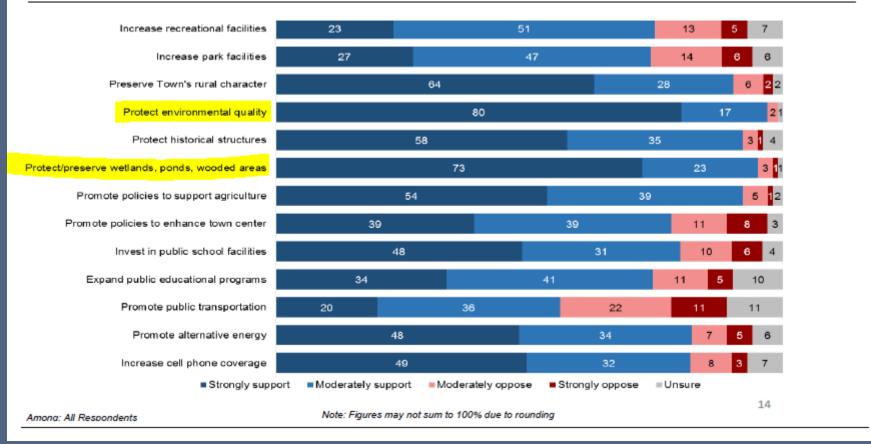
#### **Community Open Space Standard**

	1993	2006	2017
	8854	9068	9157
Population	(US Census 1990)	(US Census 2000)	(ACS 2015)
Total Open Space			
(Town and CELT in acres)	22.5	1070	1310
Percentage of town			
(based on 15 sq. miles)	2.2%	11.5%	13.7%
Community Standard			
(acres of open space/1,000			
population)	24 acres/1,000	118 acres/1,000	143 acres/1,000

Source: Town records

# Recreation & Open Space Chapter

#### **Ten-Year Plan:**



- The town maintains a 99%+ tax collection rate and an AA1 bond rating.
- Almost 3/4 of revenue is generated from property and other taxes.
- Education accounts of over 1/2 of town expenses.
- Most capital improvements (65%) are funded from the general fund, followed by funding (20%) from new debt issuance.
- From 2007-2016, overall debt has declined over 25% from \$26 million to \$15.5 million.
- The town should plan for a property reevaluation in the next 2-3 years.

