

## Vision

*The seven diverse yet interconnected villages of Barnstable form one community that is an integral part of Cape Cod. As the town in 2010 has been shaped by its past, through this plan Barnstable will shape a sustainable future. The town will preserve its history, environment and community for future generations through active stewardship of community character and quality of life while balancing growth, infrastructure and natural systems.*

### Plan Concept

This vision statement expresses the shared intentions of Barnstable residents for the future of their town as developed through the Village Vision work and the Resident's Survey. The goals, actions, and strategies of the Barnstable Comprehensive Plan 2010 work together to achieve this vision.

Cape Cod faces the challenge of balancing human interaction with the capacities of a fragile peninsula. A comprehensive approach weaving



together social, environmental and economic needs is necessary. This plan promotes incentives for growth and redevelopment in areas with existing infrastructure while discouraging growth in areas with limited ability to absorb the impacts of development.

This Comprehensive Plan highlights the potential for people to live and work on a smaller environmental footprint. Actions are presented to offset impacts threatening the social, environmental and economic attributes that determine our quality of life. Barnstable Comprehensive Plan 2010 puts forward the expectations and

standards necessary to live within the budget of our capacities for natural resources, municipal finances and community preservation.

### Comprehensive Plan Goals

1. Sustain diverse villages and livable neighborhoods for year round residents while providing housing opportunities for all.
2. Preserve, protect and enhance sensitive natural habitats and systems.
3. Provide town services and infrastructure through an efficient, planned and prioritized process.
4. Support and manage the regional resources and services unique to Cape Cod.
5. Preserve and enhance historic and maritime character, public viewsheds and cultural landscapes.
6. Enhance pedestrian activity in historic village centers.
7. Preserve and enhance access to public spaces including the waterfront.
8. Foster and support the creative economy which includes history, culture and arts.
9. Promote traffic reduction, traffic management, alternate transportation modes, property interconnections, and travel demand management.
10. Foster and support public transit while planning for associated parking, pedestrian and bicycle travel needs.
11. Allow development review to be more efficient for applicants and town regulatory bodies in a predictable and fair manner.
12. Develop and support a process to encourage private investments that support appropriate economic development.
13. Fully integrate implementation of plan goals, actions and strategies into the municipal budget and capital planning process