

Subsection B, Vision Statement and Town Approval

Town of Clinton Comprehensive Plan

VISION STATEMENT

Based on community input, through the comprehensive planning process, surveys, input from town officials, public meetings, and interviews, the committee developed the following vision. This vision will guide Clinton into the 2030's.

This vision is based on Clintons current strengths coupled with a desired future end state. Suggested improvements in the current day are addressed as issues in Section 2-Analyses and some are reiterated below.

Preserve

Clinton's character as a rural/farming community, where people like to live, must be maintained. This agrarian economy needs to be sustained. There is a sense of rural brotherhood with diverse incomes and education levels that leads to mutual respect. Citizens enjoy the country living where slow growth, open spaces, wildlife, and outdoor recreation are appreciated. In the Yankee tradition, Clinton remains self-sufficient in town government and the people.

Strengthen

There is a need to build on the respect and care for all throughout the community through teamwork and volunteerism. Citizens need to be instilled with a better understanding of what the town offers through public forums and publicity. Preservation of natural resources must be a priority and the population needs instruction as such. Commercial expansion should not be at the expense of the rural character of the town. This can be accomplished by the continuation of smaller commercial development. Currently there is a commercial/industrial zone, however, town government and the Clinton Water District should plan for expansion to include water and sewer. Recreational opportunities are available, however, there is an expressed need for walking and bike trails with an emphasis on safety such as the development of bike and walking lanes on the existing road system. Motorized trails need to be enhanced. Improvements in public roadway maintenance including ditches and shoulders are necessary, while working in concert with State of Maine and Federal contacts. Additional regional opportunities such as multi-town purchasing, power generation, and regional events, perhaps at the fairgrounds, need to be explored.

Initiate

The village district needs to be redefined to include small shops, a farmers market, commercial/residential housing and the possible future use of the Clinton Elementary School building, if necessary. A regional bus service for shopping, medical appointments, cultural events, and recreational activities needs to be established.

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