

RIVERHEAD Comprehensive Plan Update



*Steering Committee Meeting #1
March 1, 2023*



Agenda

1. Introductions and Team Overview
2. Overall Project Scope and Timeline
3. Community Engagement Overview
4. Discussion of Engagement Strategies
5. Discussion of Priority Issues and Concerns
6. Next Steps



Introduction Project Team

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Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee


- **Role of Committee:**
 - Guide comprehensive plan process and monitor timelines
 - Help plan for public outreach activities
 - Provide input on issues and opportunities
 - Help to ensure plan is representative of wider community
 - Review draft deliverables
- **Working groups**
 - Advise on technical subjects and review specific materials*
 - Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Housing and Economic Development
 - Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities

What is a Comprehensive Plan?




- **An expression of the community’s shared vision of the future.**
- **It is public policy guide for plans, initiatives, and investments. It lays the foundation for decisions related to zoning code, capital budget, and general policy.**
- **Zoning decisions must be based on a “well-considered plan”**
- **A “to do” list for the Town to track implementation of short, medium, and long-term goals.**

Why Update the Plan?



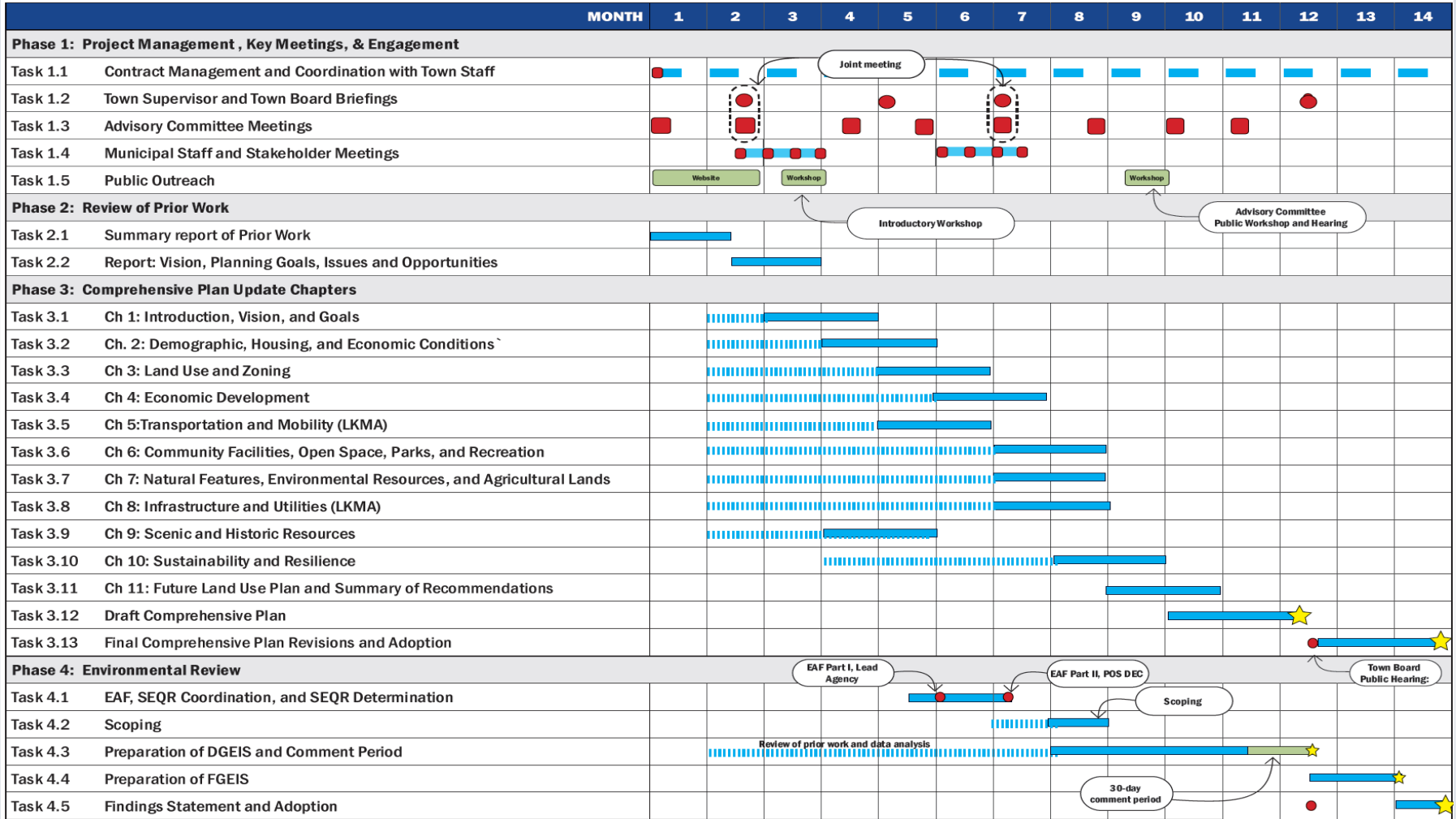
*TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
NOVEMBER 2003*

PURSUANT TO SECTION 272-a OF THE TOWN LAW



- The prior Plan was adopted in 2003.
- A lot has happened in the last 20 years...

Timeline (14-Months)

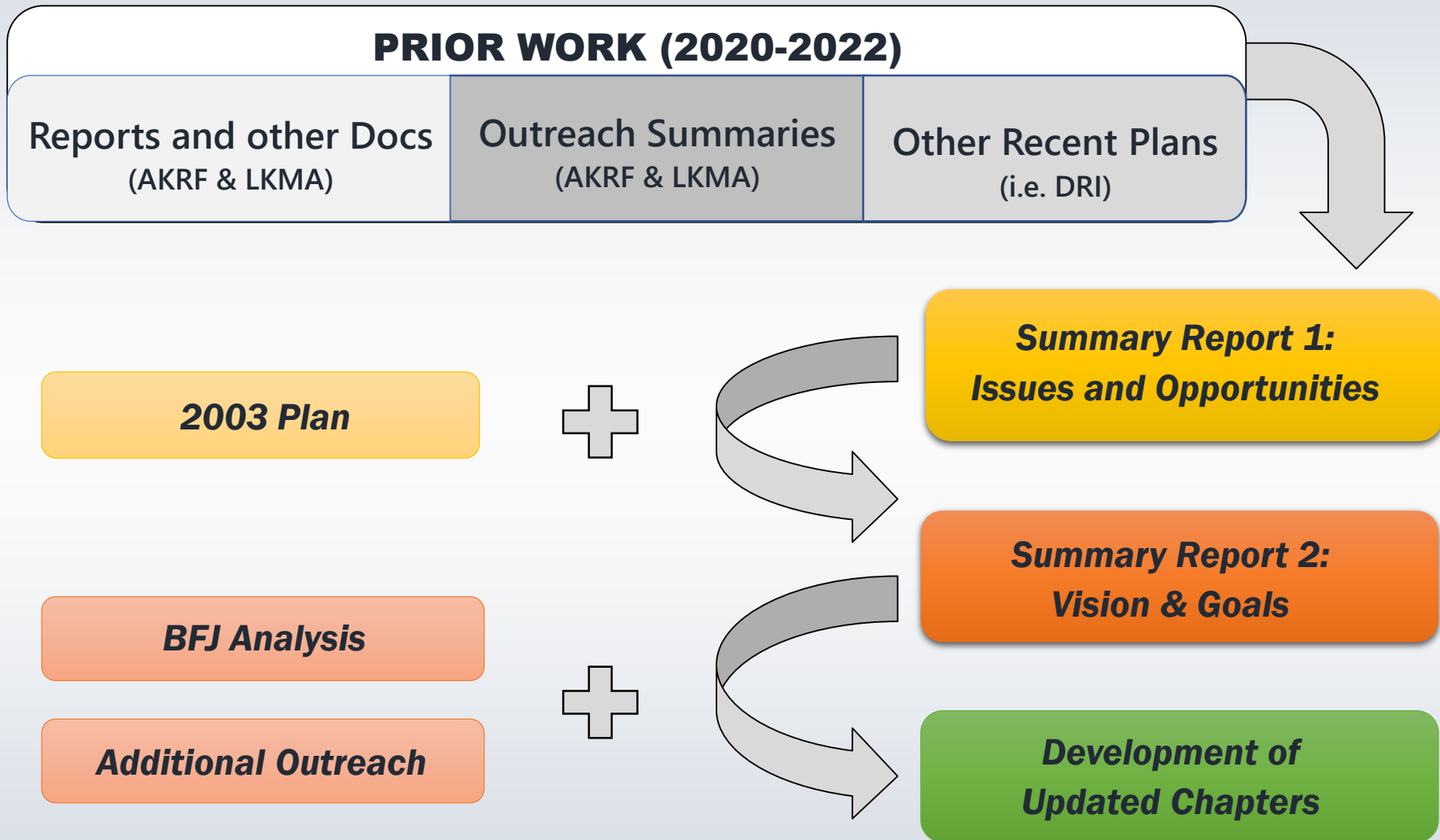


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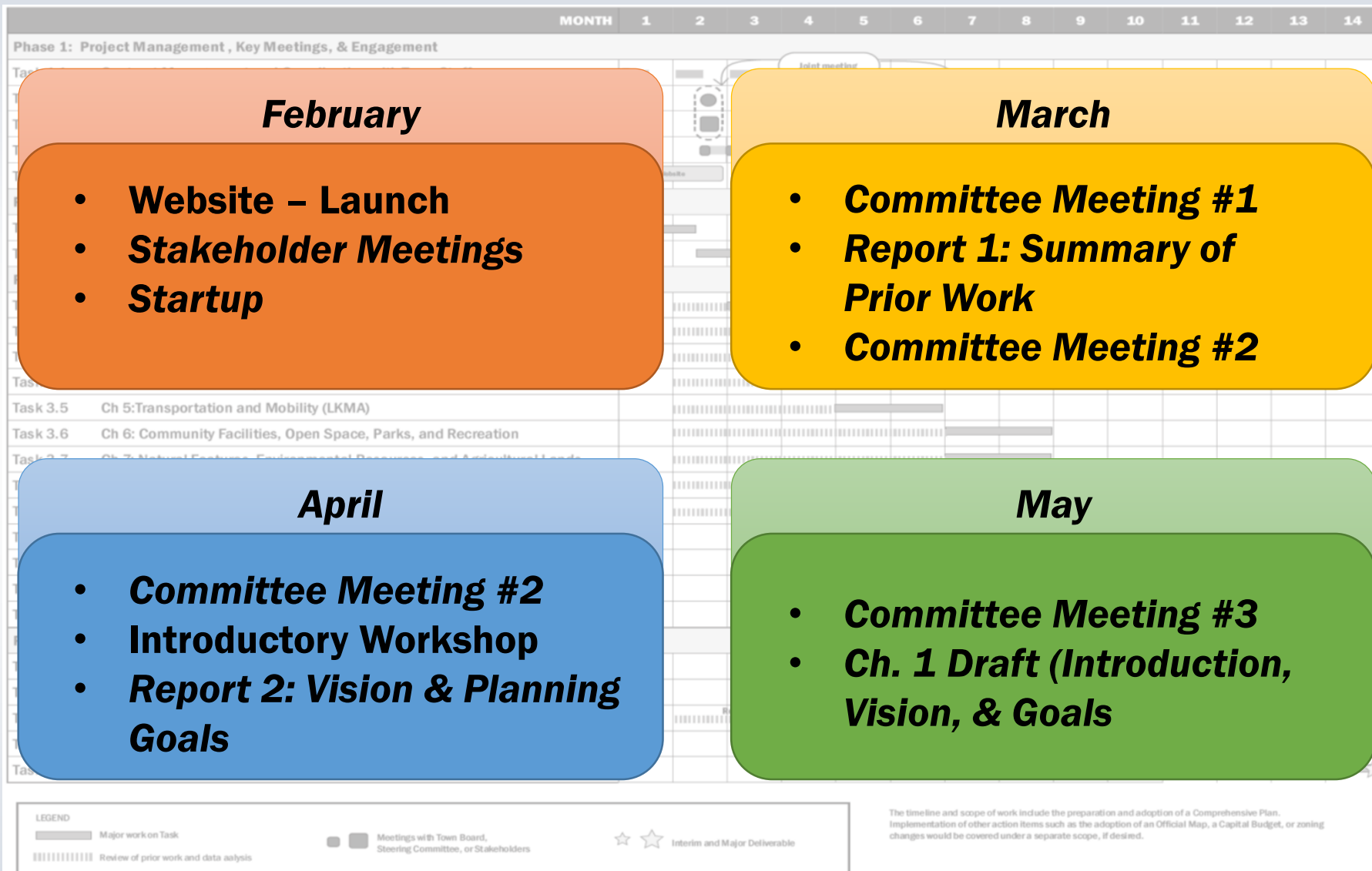
- Major work on Task
- ■ Meetings with Town Board, Steering Committee, or Stakeholders
- ■ Interim and Major Deliverable
- ||||| Review of prior work and data analysis

The timeline and scope of work include the preparation and adoption of a Comprehensive Plan. Implementation of other action items such as the adoption of an Official Map, a Capital Budget, or zoning changes would be covered under a separate scope, if desired.

Building Off of Prior Planning Effort



Timeline – Milestones in Next 4 Months (Feb-May)



Riverhead is Updating its Comprehensive Plan!



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is an official, long-range 'blueprint' for the future of the Town. It details the community's vision for the future and guides Riverhead on a wide range of issues such as future decisions on land use and development, capital spending, and general policy direction. The Comprehensive Plan also provides strategies addressing economic development, farmland preservation and the agricultural economy, housing, revitalization of Main Street and Hamlet centers, transportation, sustainable development, climate resiliency, and natural resource preservation and water quality.

The Comprehensive Plan reflects changes that have taken place since the prior plan was adopted in 2003. It also incorporates policies from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, the Downtown Riverhead Pattern Book, and other recent plans. Links to relevant planning documents can be found here:

<https://townofriverheadcomprehensiveplanupdate.com/>

Comments: compplan@townofriverheadny.gov

This planning effort builds off of research and public engagement completed by the Town and its

Prior Outreach (AKRF)

- Periodic meetings with an Advisory Committee,
- Work sessions with the Town Board,
- Hamlet-focused public meetings,
- Topic-oriented public meetings,
- A public survey (closed for comment),
- An online interactive map (closed for comment), and
- Interviews with Town staff and other stakeholders.



Prior Completed Work (AKRF)

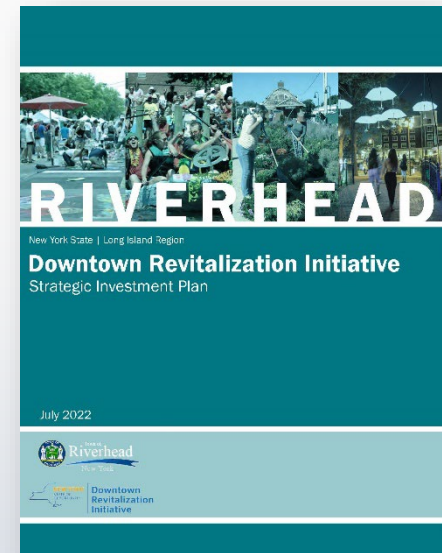
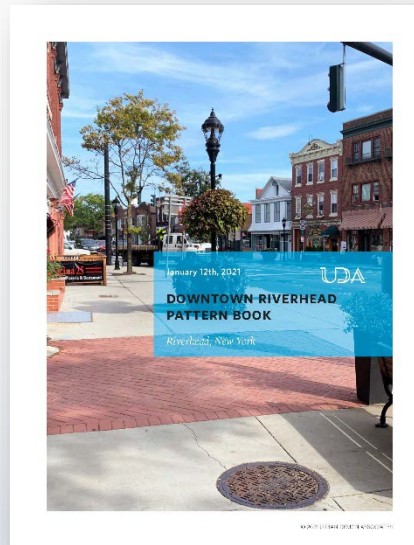
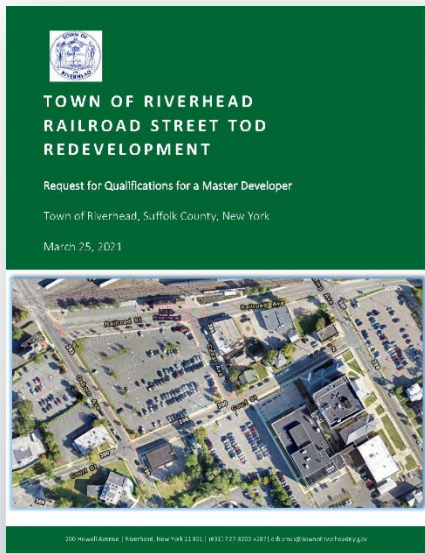
- Summary of Interviews (April 2021)
- Comprehensive Plan Progress Community Update (November 2021)
- Public Outreach Report (February, 2022)
- Presentations from Community Topic Meetings (April 2022)
- Comments Summaries from Community Topic Meetings (April 2022)
- Economic and Housing Trends Analysis (June, 2022)
- Scenic and Historic Resources Draft Chapter (June 2022)
- Summary of Background Planning Documents (February 2023)
- Draft Plan and GEIS Outline
- Draft Preferred Alternative
- DGEIS Figures
- Bibliography

Prior Completed Work (LKMA)

- Interview Summaries
- Roadway Inventory
- Roadway Levels of Service (LOS)
- Traffic Counts
- Crash Data
- Draft Transportation and Utility Infrastructure sections for the GEIS

Other Major Recent Initiatives

- Town of Riverhead Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan for the Railroad Avenue Urban Renewal Area (2020)
- Downtown Riverhead Pattern Book (2021)
- Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) (2022)



Community Engagement Key Stakeholders to Meet With

List of stakeholders to be developed in consultation with Committee, Town Board, and Staff.

Questionnaire to Committees/Boards:

- Identify recent projects/actions
- Priority issues in short term
- Priority issues for next 10 years
- Other considerations for the Comprehensive Plan



Follow up focus group meetings with Committee/Board representatives

Community Engagement Focus Group Meetings (Virtual)

7 Meetings with Committee/Department Representatives:

Land Use Boards

- Planning Board (Also meeting on May 18)
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- ARB

Agriculture, Farmland Preservation, and Landmarks Preservation

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Farmland Preservation Committee
- TDR Committee (Individually in Feb. and Apr.)
- Landmarks Preservation Committee

Traffic Safety (with LKMA)

- Alternative Transportation Committee
- Traffic Safety Committee
- Highway Department
- Police Department

Beach and Recreation

- Beach Committee
- Recreation Advisory Committee
- Dept of Parks and Recreation

Economic Development

- Business Advisory Committee
- Downtown Revitalization Committee
- IDA
- Parking District Advisory Committee
- Community Development Agency
- Riverhead Chamber of Commerce

Environment and Historic Resources

- Conservation Advisory Council
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Climate Smart Community Task Force
- Wildlife Management Advisory Committee
- Open Space Committee
- East Creek Advisory Committee

Community Services

- Senior Citizen Advisory Council
- Veterans Advisory Committee
- Peconic Bay Medical (will also meet individually)

Community Engagement Public Workshop #1 (Introduction)



Presentation

**Roundtable
Discussions**

**Report
Back**

***In-Person on a Saturday (Date TBD)
Recorded but no live virtual engagement option***

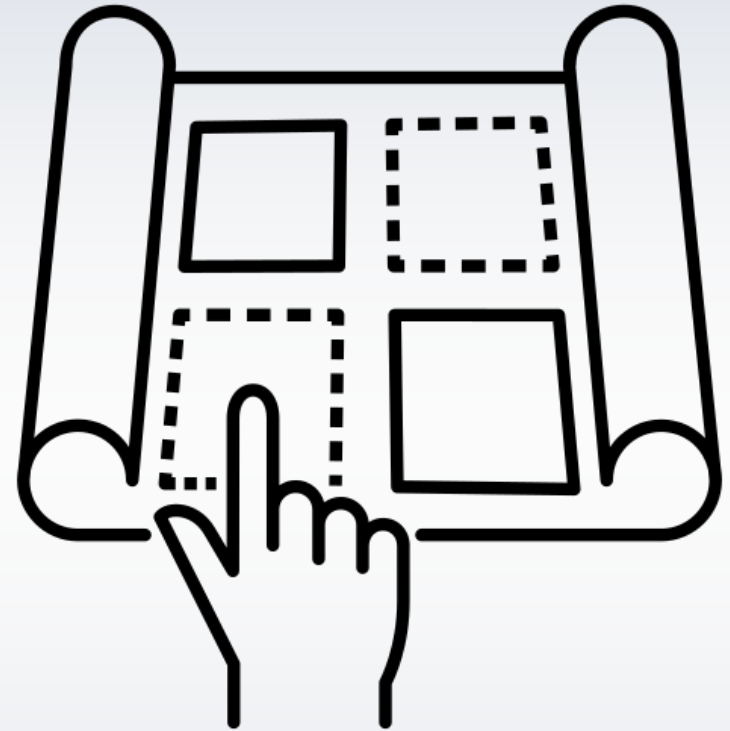
Community Engagement Public Engagement Discussion

- Key Stakeholders
- Marketing and Communication for Events
 - News Outlets
 - Social Media
 - Community Groups
- Other Issues and Concerns



Discussion of Priority Land Use and Zoning Issues

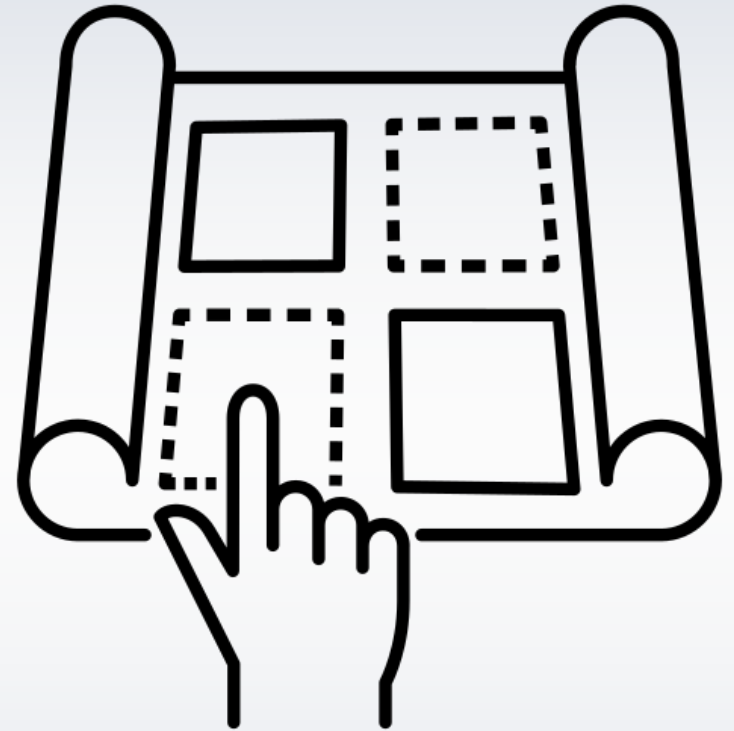
- Extent of industrial zones and permitted uses
 - *High-cube warehousing vs. traditional warehousing*
 - *Solar Farms*
- *TDR Regulations*
- Battery Storage
- Solar and Agrovoltaics
- *Downtown (TOD, DRI, Pattern Book)*
- *Commercial Corridors (Route 58)*



Discussion of Priority Land Use and Zoning Issues

Discussion:

What are your top 3
Priorities for this
Comprehensive Plan
Update?



Next Steps

- Synthesis of AKRF Materials and Existing Condition Analysis
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Introductory Public Meeting (Mid-April)
 - Saturday April 22 at Senior Center?
- Steering Committee Meeting #2 (Virtual or In-Person?)
 - Late March: 3/27 or 3/28?