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TOWN OF RIVERHEAD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Town of Riverhead seeks public participation in the Comprehensive Plan Update. Despite the obstacles of the 2020 pandemic, the united Town Board has made progress in its efforts to update its Comprehensive Plan. Once completed, the Comprehensive Plan Update will provide the Town with a roadmap for its potential growth and evolution over the next twenty years.

Public input into the Comprehensive Plan Update process begins with the launching of a new, interactive website in which the general public will have a configurable, digital easy-to-use community engagement platform. The website will be linked to www.townofriverheadcomprehensiveplanupdate.com and associated links will allow participants to leave feedback.

This community engagement process includes a digital survey. Public participation in this survey will help answer simple, yet important, questions in the planning of the future of Riverhead. We encourage the community to provide feedback and submit ideas via interactive maps of each hamlet. The use of interactive maps is unprecedented in the Town of Riverhead. These maps will be posted online, with public comments and recommendations to be gathered for a least two months. The intent is to provide the public with ample time to consider their visions and concerns for Riverhead before submitting comments.

Following the launch of these interactive maps, the Town, by hosting four public meetings based on hamlet areas, will begin step three, the public engagement process. These meetings, will be a hybrid with both in-person and Zoom public participation and will enable the consultants to explain the community engagement process and then engage in open dialogue to gather comments, questions and concerns from the community. During the community engagement process, the website will include a link where the public may submit questions, comments and recommendations.

These steps are only the beginning of the community participation process. When all public input has been gathered this year, a second round of community meetings will be held early in 2022.