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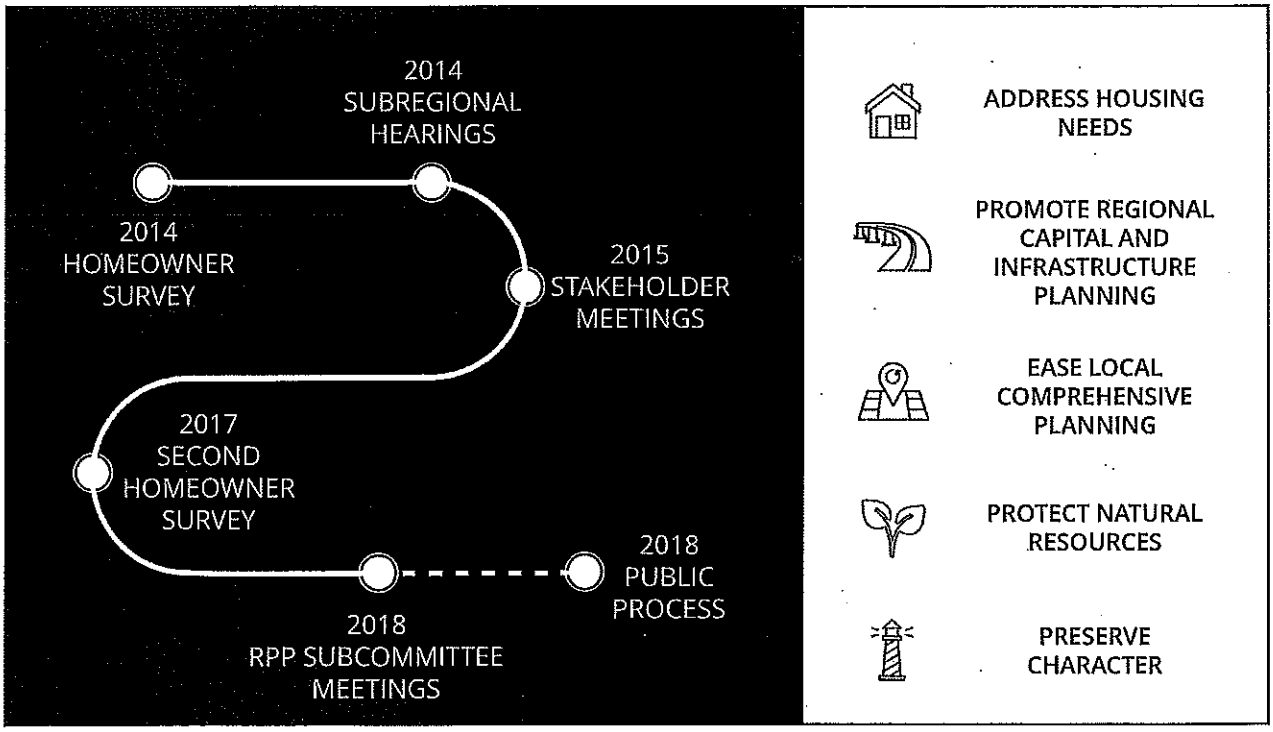
CAPE COD REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES | PUBLIC HEARING

January 2, 2019



REVIEW PROCESS

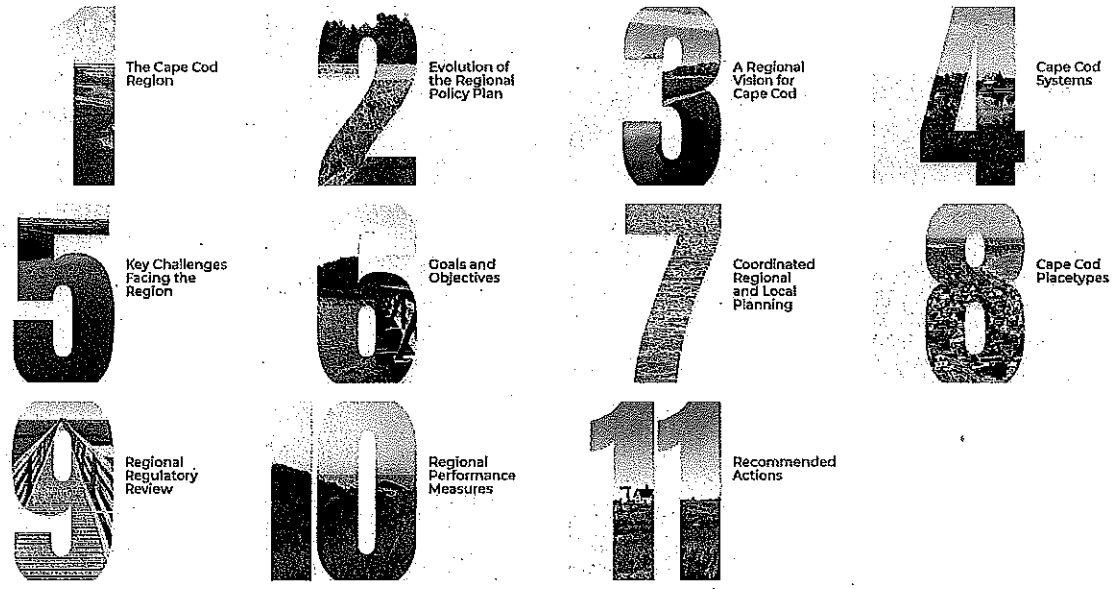
SEPT 20 | CCC Vote to Begin 60-day Public Comment Period on Draft Plan

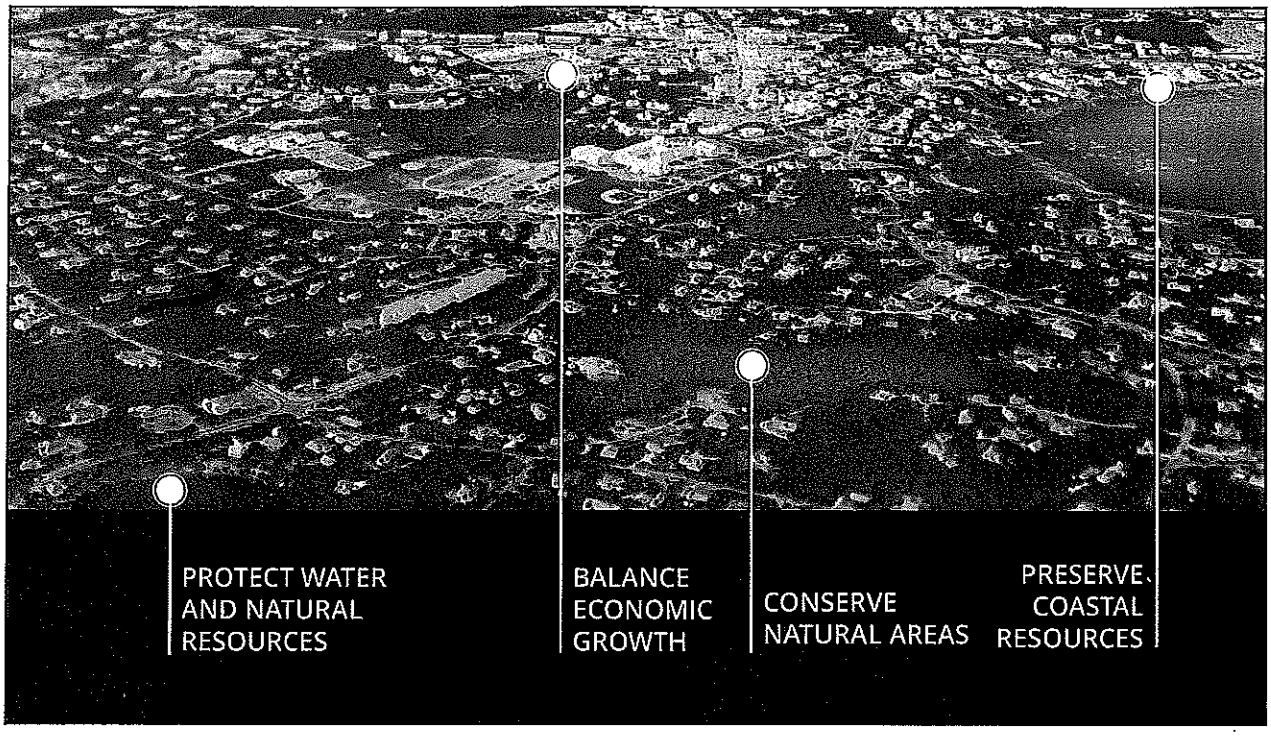
DEC 13 | CCC Unanimous Vote to Forward Plan to AOD

DEC 19 | RPP Delivered to AOD; Starts 45 Days

JAN 2 | AOD Public Hearing on RPP

2018 REGIONAL POLICY PLAN

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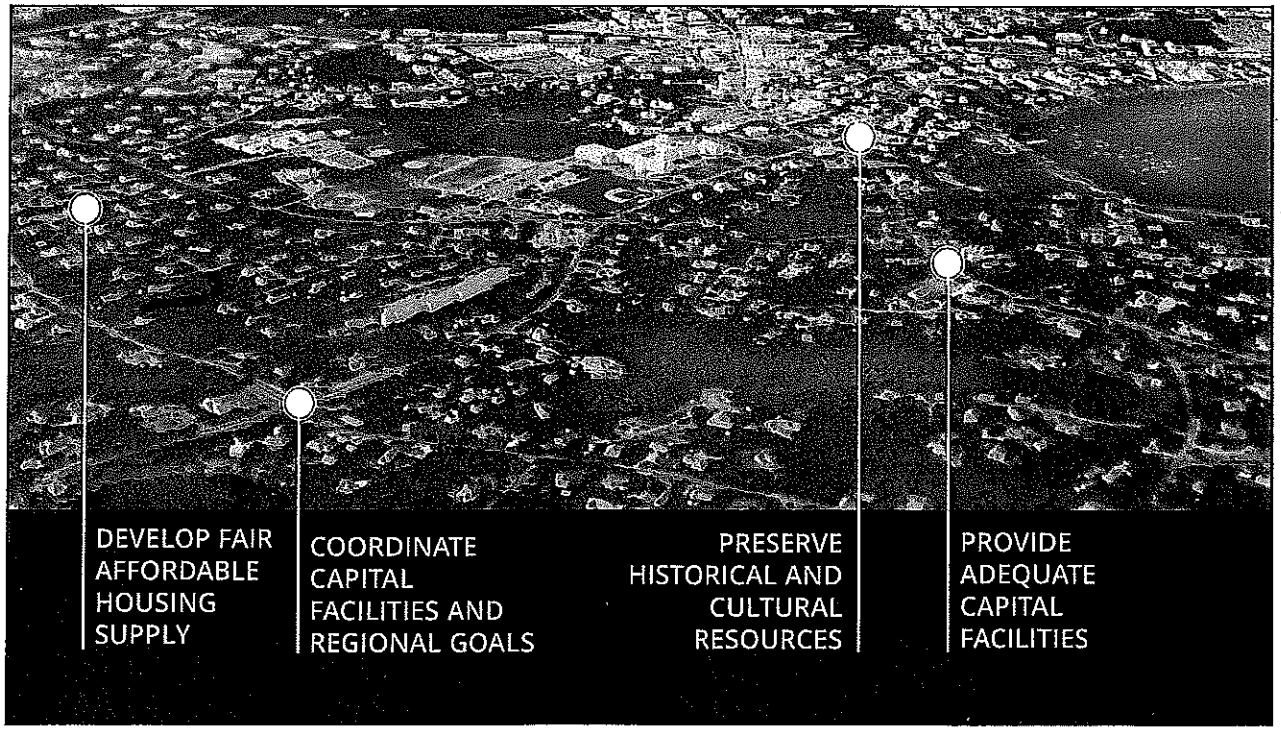
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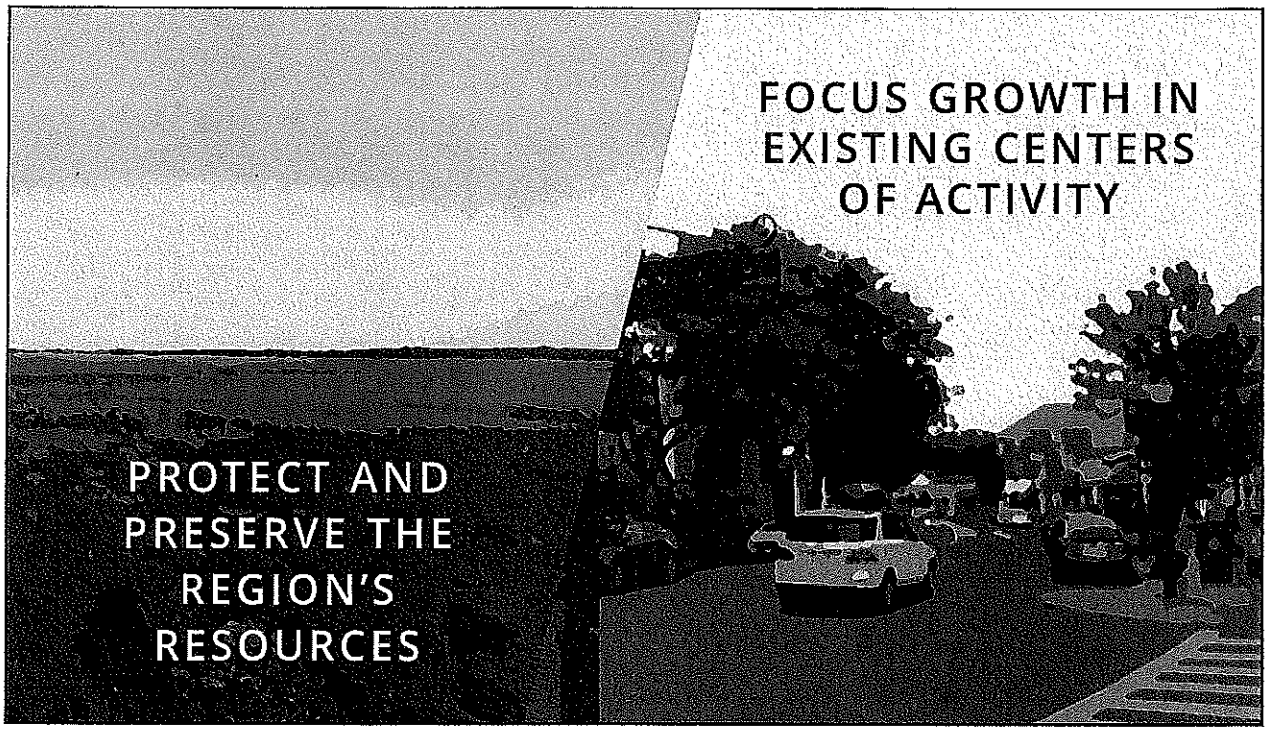


GROWTH POLICY

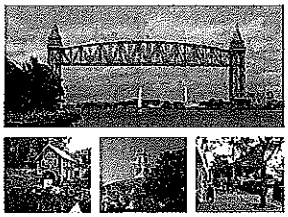
"Growth should be focused in centers of activity and areas supported by adequate infrastructure and guided away from areas that must be protected for ecological, historical or other reasons. Development should be responsive to context allowing for the restoration, preservation and protection of the Cape's unique resources while promoting economic and community resilience."

Cape Cod Systems

The Growth Policy recognizes the importance of each system and the need to balance their impacts and functions to sustain the Cape over the long term. These natural, built, and community systems are described on the following pages.

NATURAL SYSTEMS

BUILT SYSTEMS



COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

Natural Systems

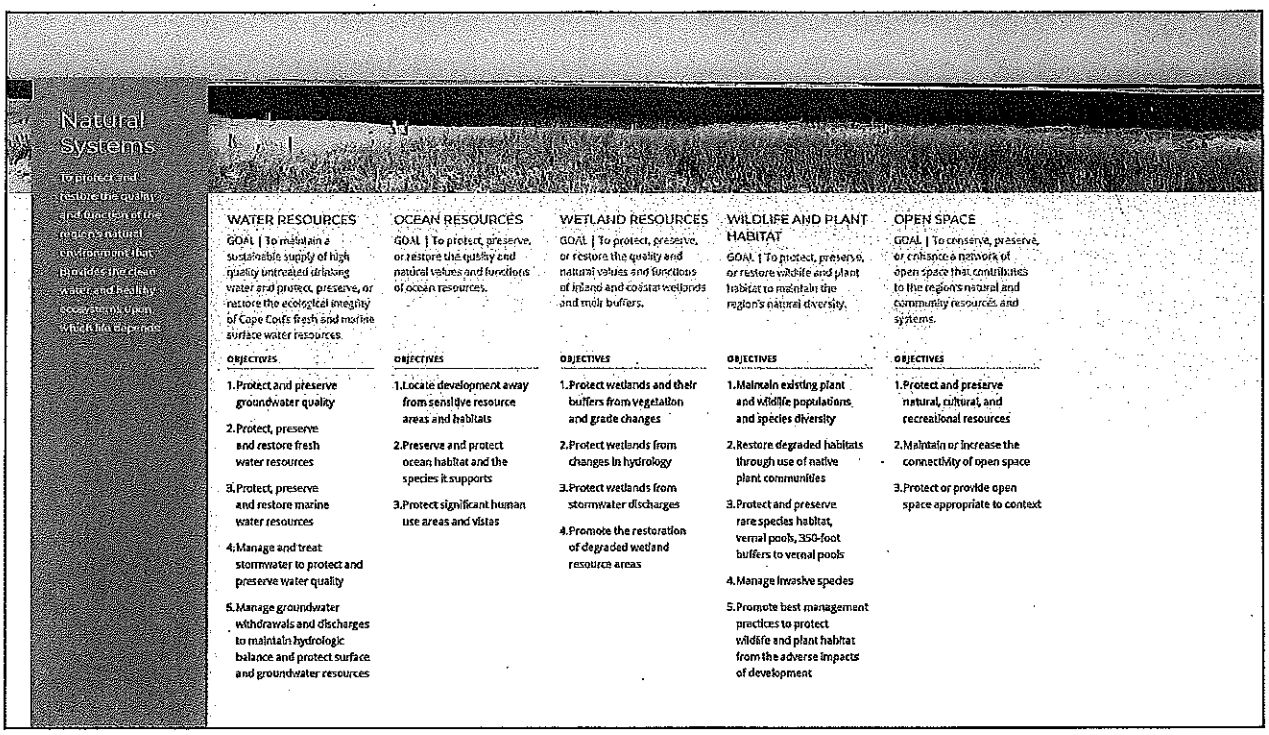
To protect and restore the quality and function of the region's natural environment that provides the clean water and healthy ecosystems upon which life depends.

Built Systems

To protect and enhance the built environment and infrastructure necessary to support the region and healthy activity centers.

Community Systems

To protect and enhance the linkages between society, the natural environment, and history vital to the way of life on Cape Cod by supporting development of amenities and life opportunities necessary to support vibrant and diverse communities.



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WATER RESOURCES

GOAL | To maintain a sustainable supply of high quality untreated drinking water and protect, preserve, or restore the ecological integrity of Cape Cod's fresh and marine surface water resources.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect and preserve groundwater quality
2. Protect, preserve and restore fresh water resources
3. Protect, preserve and restore marine water resources
4. Manage and treat stormwater to protect and preserve water quality
5. Manage groundwater withdrawals and discharges to maintain hydrologic balance and protect surface and groundwater resources

OCEAN RESOURCES

GOAL | To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of ocean resources.

OBJECTIVES

1. Locate development away from sensitive resource areas and habitats
2. Preserve and protect ocean habitat and the species it supports
3. Protect significant human use areas and vistas

WETLAND RESOURCES

GOAL | To protect, preserve, or restore the quality and natural values and functions of inland and coastal wetlands and their buffers.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect wetlands and their buffers from vegetation and grade changes
2. Protect wetlands from changes in hydrology
3. Protect wetlands from stormwater discharges
4. Promote the restoration of degraded wetland resource areas

WILDLIFE AND PLANT HABITAT

GOAL | To protect, preserve, or restore wildlife and plant habitat to maintain the region's natural diversity.

OBJECTIVES

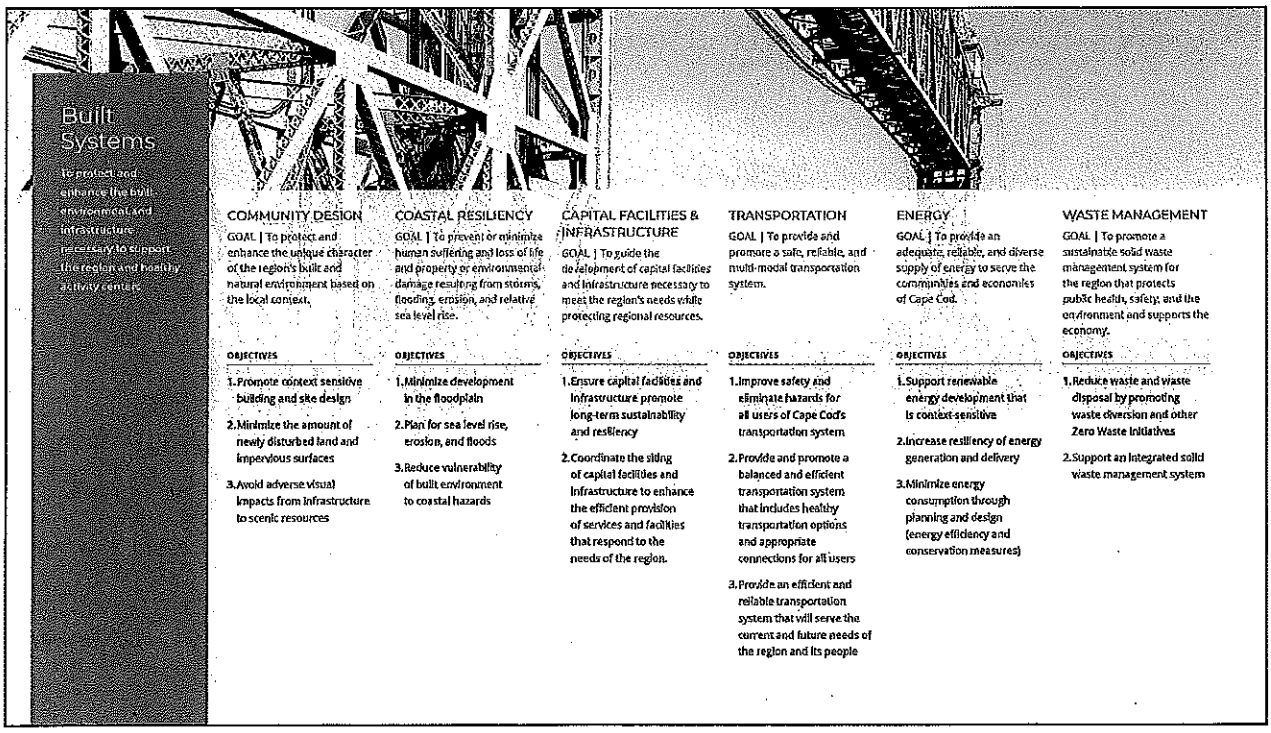
1. Maintain existing plant and wildlife populations and species diversity
2. Restore degraded habitats through use of native plant communities
3. Protect and preserve rare species habitat, vernal pools, 350-foot buffers to vernal pools
4. Manage invasive species
5. Promote best management practices to protect wildlife and plant habitat from the adverse impacts of development

OPEN SPACE

GOAL | To conserve, preserve, or enhance a network of open space that contributes to the region's natural and community resources and systems.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect and preserve natural, cultural, and recreational resources
2. Maintain or increase the connectivity of open space
3. Protect or provide open space appropriate to context



Built Systems

To protect and enhance the built environment and infrastructure necessary to support the region and healthy activity centers.

COMMUNITY DESIGN

GOAL | To protect and enhance the unique character of the region's built and natural environment based on the local context.

OBJECTIVES

1. Promote context sensitive building and site design
2. Minimize the amount of newly disturbed land and impervious surfaces
3. Avoid adverse visual impacts from infrastructure to scenic resources

COASTAL RESILIENCY

GOAL | To prevent or minimize human suffering and loss of life and property or environmental damage resulting from storms, flooding, erosion, and relative sea level rise.

OBJECTIVES

1. Minimize development in the floodplain
2. Plan for sea level rise, erosion, and floods
3. Reduce vulnerability of built environment to coastal hazards

CAPITAL FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL | To guide the development of capital facilities and infrastructure necessary to meet the region's needs while protecting regional resources.

OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure capital facilities and infrastructure promote long-term sustainability and resiliency
2. Coordinate the siting of capital facilities and infrastructure to enhance the efficient provision of services and facilities that respond to the needs of the region.

TRANSPORTATION

GOAL | To provide and promote a safe, reliable, and multi-modal transportation system.

OBJECTIVES

1. Improve safety and eliminate hazards for all users of Cape Cod's transportation system
2. Provide and promote a balanced and efficient transportation system that includes healthy transportation options and appropriate connections for all users
3. Provide an efficient and reliable transportation system that will serve the current and future needs of the region and its people

ENERGY

GOAL | To provide an adequate, reliable, and diverse supply of energy to serve the communities and economies of Cape Cod.

OBJECTIVES

1. Support renewable energy development that is context-sensitive
2. Increase resiliency of energy generation and delivery
3. Minimize energy consumption through planning and design (energy efficiency and conservation measures)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

GOAL | To promote a sustainable solid waste management system for the region that protects public health, safety, and the environment and supports the economy.

OBJECTIVES

1. Reduce waste and waste disposal by promoting waste diversion and other Zero Waste initiatives
2. Support an integrated solid waste management system

Community Systems

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CULTURAL HERITAGE

GOAL | To protect and preserve the significant cultural, historic, and archeological values and resources of Cape Cod.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect and preserve forms, layouts, scale, massing, and key character defining features of historic resources, including traditional development patterns of villages and neighborhoods
2. Protect and preserve archaeological resources and assets from alteration or relocation
3. Preserve and enhance public access and rights to and along the shore
4. Protect and preserve traditional agricultural and maritime development and uses

ECONOMY

GOAL | To promote a sustainable regional economy comprised of a broad range of businesses providing employment opportunities to a diverse workforce.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect and build on the Cape's competitive advantages
2. Use resources and infrastructure efficiently
3. Foster a balanced and diverse mix of business and industry
4. Encourage industries that provide living wage jobs to a diverse workforce
5. Expand economic activity and regional wealth through exports, value added, import substitution, and local ownership

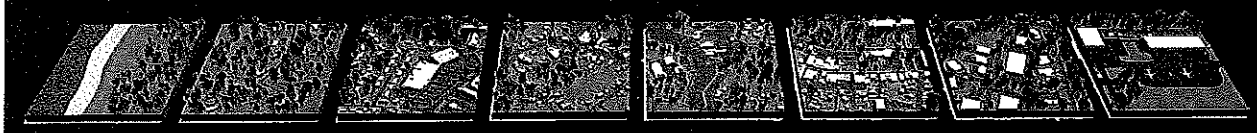
HOUSING

GOAL | To promote the production of an adequate supply of ownership and rental housing that is safe, healthy, and attainable for people with different income levels and diverse needs.

OBJECTIVES

1. Promote an increase in housing diversity and choice
2. Promote an increase in year-round housing supply
3. Protect and improve existing housing stock
4. Increase housing affordability

CAPE COD PLACETYPES



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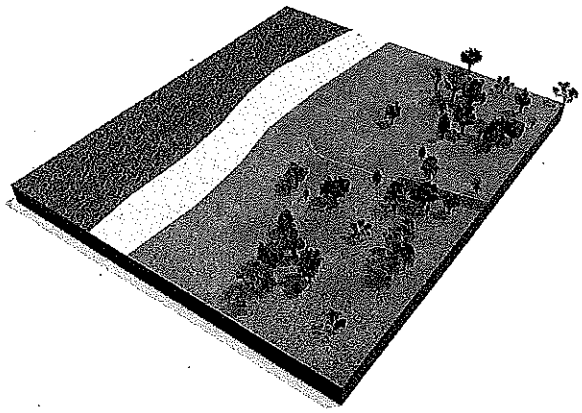
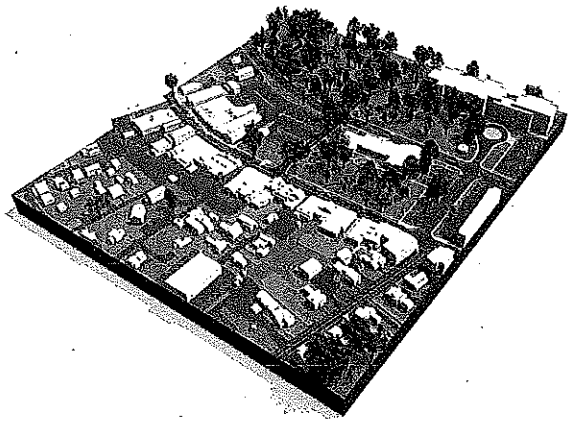
NATURAL AREAS

The vision for Natural Areas is to minimize adverse development impacts to sensitive resource areas, to preserve lands that define Cape Cod's natural landscape and contribute to its scenic character, and to improve the Cape's resilience to severe storms and the effects of climate change.



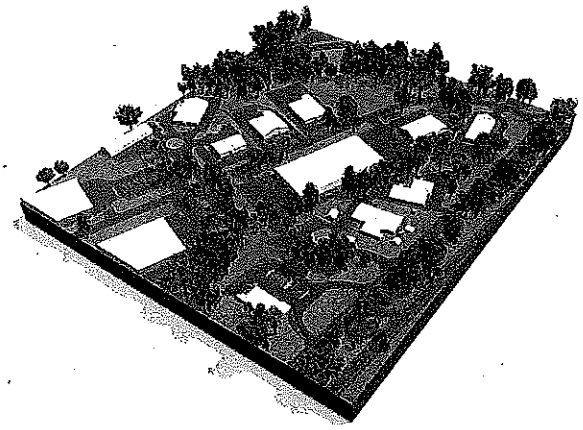
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTERS

The vision for these areas is to accommodate mixed-use and multifamily residential development in a walkable, vibrant area, preserve historic buildings, and to provide diverse services, shopping, recreation, civic spaces, housing, and job opportunities at a scale of growth and development desired by the community, with adequate infrastructure and pedestrian amenities to support development.



INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY CENTERS

The vision for Industrial Activity Centers is to support their development as significant employment centers with adequate infrastructure.



STREAMLINED REGULATORY APPROACH

GOAL

OBJECTIVES

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

PLACETYPES + RESOURCE AREAS

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

PROTECTED HABITAT

DRINKING WATER

SIDEWALK NETWORK

COASTAL WATER

HISTORIC RESOURCES

ACTIVITY CENTERS

HIGH WAGE JOBS

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

REGIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING

STREAMLINED LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING

THRESHOLD RELIEF EVALUATION