

Purpose and Goals

The Planning Commission's update of the Long Range Plan began with the gathering of data and public comments by the Long Range Plan Update Committee. Following the collection of the data, the Planning Commission began the review process of the 2003 Long Range Plan. The first step was a review of the mission/vision statement for the Village outlined in the 2003 Long Range Plan document. It was important to verify that the mission and purposes as outlined in the statement continue to reflect the current direction of the community. The statement provides the foundation for the Planning Commission's deliberation on the purpose of this Long Range Plan Update. This Plan Update will build on features that residents find most appealing about the Village, as summarized in the Statement of Purpose developed by the Planning Commission as part of the Plan Update process.

The primary goal of this Long Range Plan Update is to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents, institutions, and businesses of the Village of Peninsula, now and in the future. To meet this goal, this Plan established five (5) statements of purpose. The purposes found in the box at the right are revisions and updates to the purposes identified with in the 2003 Long Range Plan.

The Planning Commission further deliberated on the Update Plan's Statement of Purpose as noted above, and created revised goals to guide the Plan preparation process. These goals are intended to reflect community concerns regarding future Village development and redevelopment; give direction regarding the desired future Village natural and physical environment; provide direction for more detailed analysis and eventual changes in Village zoning and development regulations, and

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

1. The Village is committed to the conservation of its "small town" character. This Long Range Plan Update seeks to assure that all land uses support this goal.

2. The Village is committed to the protection of its distinct historic character, particularly the historic district. This Long Range Plan Update seeks to assure that the character of the Village will be preserved for the future.

3. The Village acknowledges its role as a tourist destination, located at the center of a National Park. This Long Range Plan Update seeks to balance the needs of the residents and the requirements of tourism, while preserving the unique character of the Village.

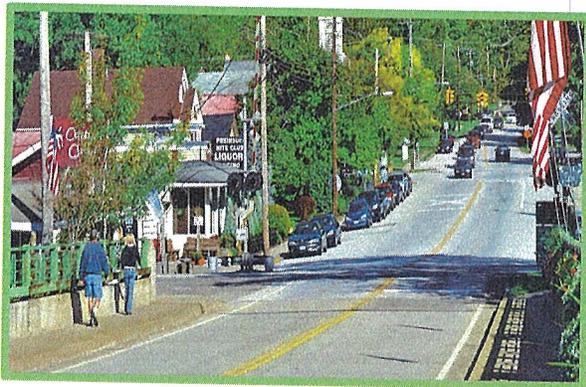
4. This Long Range Plan Update provides the framework for the redevelopment and development of appropriate portions of the Village to assure an economic base that provides the necessary services for the sustainability of the community.

5. The Village is committed to the improvement and management of its infrastructure to protect the environment and preserve the character of the Village.

establish a barometer to assist Village officials in assessing the impact of planning, zoning, and development decisions.

The Updated Plan's general goals are outlined below:

1. **Population:** Keep population low; keep growth low; and encourage socioeconomic diversity.
2. **Historic and "Small Town" Character:** Preserve historic buildings and properties; preserve diverse building stock; promote architectural and design quality; and require development and redevelopment to be compatible with surrounding conditions and sympathetic to the established historic, and "small town" character of the Village.



3. **Economy:** Provide a framework for future Village fiscal stability and flexibility by identifying and planning for long term capital improvements, monitoring and ensuring long term revenue streams, and balancing ongoing service costs and revenues.
4. **Visitors and Tourists:** Recognizing that the Village is a seasonal tourist venue in the center of a year-round residential community, and to balance those sometimes-conflicting functions; maintain harmony between the uses, needs and services of the visitors and tourists while ensuring and protecting the privacy of residents; and ensuring a positive net economic impact on the Village.
5. **Transportation:** Improve the management of truck and other vehicular traffic; maintain and improve existing streets; create appropriate linkages between existing streets; build new streets where appropriate and necessary; complete sidewalk system; provide appropriate pedestrian links to community facilities; and enhance parking capacity.
6. **Facilities and Services:** Undertake practical and feasible cooperative projects; ensure adequacy of government facilities and services; provide recreation opportunities; protect public health and ensure public safety.