



Village of Homer

Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan

Public Workshop #1

Monday, June 15, 2026

Agenda

- ① **Introductions**
- ② **About the Comprehensive Plan**
- ③ **Group Activity**
- ④ **Next Steps**



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Introductions

Roles

Project Team



FUNDING AGENCY

- Review all deliverables and advise on best practices
- Ensure consistency with Smart Growth Program requirements



VILLAGE OF HOMER

- Oversee planning and engagement process
- Develop and adopt the Comprehensive Plan



CONSULTANT

- Technical assistance and advise on best practices
- Conduct engagement and develop the Comprehensive Plan with oversight from the Village & Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Roles

Project Team Contacts



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VILLAGE OF HOMER

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CONSULTANT

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Roles

Steering Committee

- Oversee and guide the development of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Serve as community ambassadors, building awareness, advising on public engagement, and encouraging participation.
- Review and provide feedback on Comprehensive Plan components.

- Patrick Clune, Mayor
- Dan Egnor, Clerk
- David Lee
- Dillon Young
- Meg Perioli
- Jane Hall
- Donald Walsh
- Haley Zurell
- Victoria Hess
- Ashley Neiderman
- Don Ferris
- Kai Schrimp

Roles

The Community

- Public engagement will inform all elements of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Input will be collected through workshops, community events, stakeholder interviews and focus groups, surveys, and the project website.





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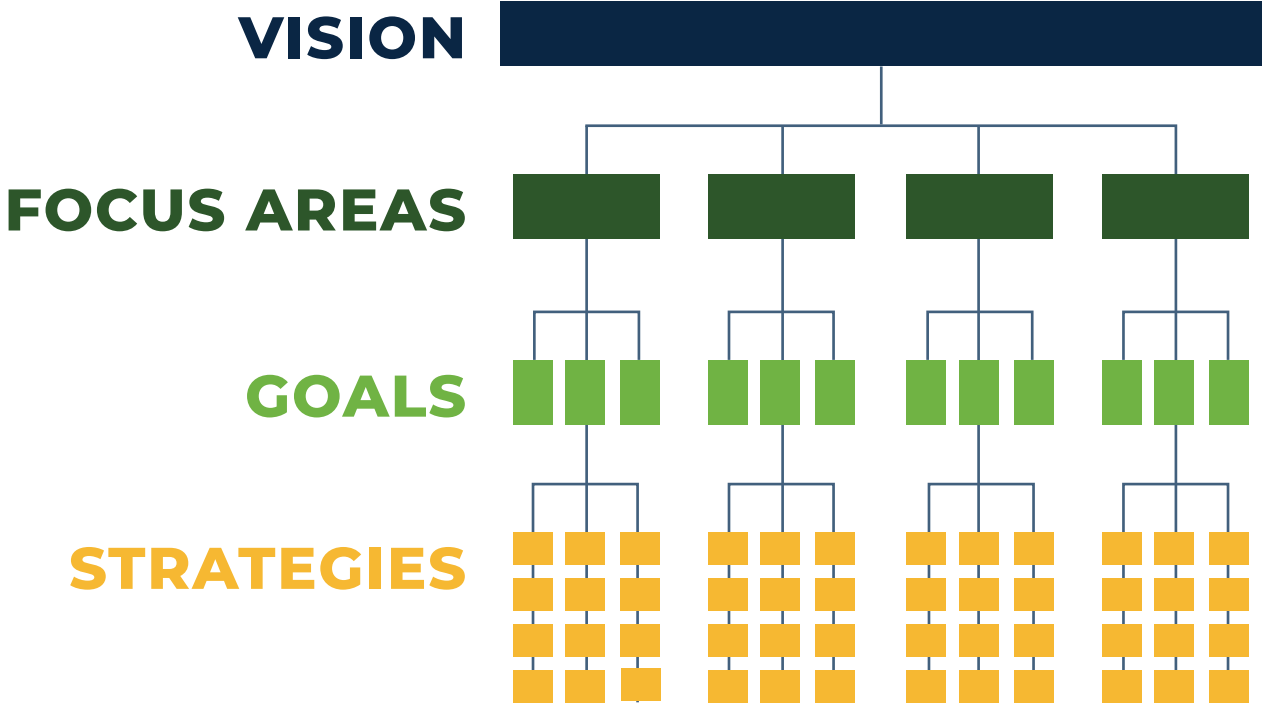
About the Comprehensive Plan

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Purpose + Core Components

A Comprehensive Plan is a living, forward-looking policy document.

It will guide land use laws, development decisions, and community investments in the Village of Homer for the next 10-15 years.



- Outlines the community vision and priorities for the Village.
- Guides Village decision-making and enables proactive approach to development decisions.
- Increases grant funding opportunities and guides the allocation of funding and resources for the betterment of Homer.



Smart Growth Overview

What is Smart Growth?

Smart Growth is a community planning and design approach to enhance livability, sustainability, and equity in the Village.



Encourage Mixed-Uses

Allow for and encourage neighborhoods with a mix of uses, such as residential, commercial, and community spaces.



Expand Transportation Choices

Prioritize transportation options that are safe and accessible for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists and public transit users.



Expand Housing Choice

Enable a diverse mix of housing types, providing opportunity and choice for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes.



Make Smart Infrastructure Investments

Encourage compact neighborhood design and concentrated development around existing infrastructure.



Revitalize Existing Urban Centers

Prioritize infill and redevelopment of existing buildings to revitalize neighborhoods and downtowns, including areas around public transit.



Preserve Open Space & Farmland

Preserve open space, agricultural resources and natural resources.



Create Great Spaces

Provide well-planned, equitable, and accessible public spaces for people of all ages and abilities.



Protect the Environment & Address Climate Change

Promote climate resiliency and adaptation, preferably through nature-based solutions, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Respect Community Character

Build on unique traits to create an attractive and welcoming community with a strong sense of place.



Plan Inclusively & Collaboratively

Engage in an inclusive, collaborative public planning process that considers the needs and character of the community

Creating the Plan

Planning Phases

1

Existing Conditions

- Community Participation Plan
- Community Profile

2

Visioning + Strategy

- Vision
- Policy Focus Areas
- Goals

3

Action Planning

- Short-Term Smart Growth Strategies
- Long-Term Smart Growth Strategies

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Draft Plan

- Action Plan / Implementation Matrix
- Draft Comprehensive Plan

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Review + Adoption

- Village Board Review
- SEQRA
- County Planning Board Review
- Public Hearing and Adoption

2026
JAN.

JUN.

AUG.

OCT.

DEC.

2027
FEB.

Creating the Plan

Shaped By Community





Things that people love

- Tight Knit & Family-Friendly
- Historic Character
- Community Pride & Involvement
- Vibrant Downtown
- Regional Location



Things that need improvement

- Population & Tax Base Stabilization
- Preparing for Micron
- Preserving Housing Affordability
- Enhancing Waterfront Connectivity
- Improving Road Safety



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Group Activity

Instructions:

1. Breakout into groups of 6-10.
2. Complete a round of introductions.
 - Name
 - Connection to Village
3. Complete the group activity posters.
4. Report out on top priority for the Village.

Places to **Live**

- 1 What do you love about living in the Village of Homer?**
- 2 Do you have any concerns about being able to live in the village in the future?**
- 3 How could housing be improved in the Village?**

Places to **Connect**

- 1** What are your favorite gathering or public spaces in the Village? How do you use them?
- 2** What are the barriers that prevent community members from accessing public spaces in the village?
- 3** What types of gathering spaces and/or community events would you like to see more of in the Village?

Places to **THRIVE**

- 1 What do you like about downtown Homer? Where do you go most often?**
- 2 What could be improved to help downtown vibrancy?**
- 3 Are there underutilized spaces within the village that could better be used?**

Places to **Protect**

- 1 What major weather events have affected the Village?**
- 2 How would new development impact the Village?**
- 3 What is one thing about the Village of Homer that you would like to preserve over the next 20 years?**

What is your group's top priority for the Village of Homer?



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Next Steps

Community Survey

Open through July 2026

To take the survey, visit the link or scan the QR Code:

<https://tinyurl.com/HomerSurvey>

Meeting in a Box

June & July 2026

To you know of an organization that would like to host their own mini-comprehensive plan workshop to help us gather more community feedback?

Let us know so we can be in touch!

“Meeting in a Box” Structure

Project Team will create a set of discussion questions/activity sheet and a facilitator guide, and provide the meeting materials (worksheets, pens, markers, etc).

Steering Committee/community member will lead a discussion/activity at identified community meetings.

Steering Committee/community member will then share the feedback collected via an online form or save the materials to be collected later by the Project Team.

Contact

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THANK YOU!

We appreciate your questions, insights, suggestions, and commitment to making Homer a better place for all.



Thank You!