



Comprehensive Plan

Draft Vision Statement and Objectives

Vision Statement

The City of Newport is a vibrant, forward-looking and welcoming community built upon a strong sense of place and cultural heritage. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the city for its rich history, natural beauty, boating traditions, walkability, enticing downtown, community diversity and overall quality of life. We are committed to charting a course for our future that embraces and encourages innovative growth and development, taking an active role in the stewardship of our architectural and natural resources, and an enhanced quality of life, all while we maintain our unique historic and cultural assets that are the foundation of our character.

Objectives

The year is 2036 and Newport is ...

A Prosperous City –

- Where the community has the resources it needs to provide the services and facilities desired
- Where investment in the future is used as a tool to create value for all
- Where great paying jobs are available in a diverse range of fields
- Where a wide-range of businesses and entrepreneurs thrive year round
- Where regional and global businesses want to be located

A Beautiful City –

- Where culture, history and architecture are respected and preserved
- Where good design and planning enhances the community and preserves its unique heritage and protects its natural assets
- Where art in all its forms is found throughout the community
- Where there is public access to the waterfront, both physically and visually

A Happy City –

- Where proud citizens celebrate their community's unique sense of place
- Where all citizens have equal access to resources and opportunities
- Where the well-being of children and families is supported by maintaining a level of affordable living

A Destination City

- Where world class amenities and unique historic architecture draw international visitors for yachting and cultural tourism
- Where movement through the city positively frames the experience of the physical environment and where the impact of vehicular movement is minimized
- Where visitors and residents alike may safely travel on the streets and sidewalks

A Collaborative City –

- Where community leaders embrace an integrated, strategic approach to planning, programming, budgeting and staffing
- Where communication and community collaboration are the foundation of good decisions
- Where a user-friendly government applies best practices to keep citizens engaged and informed

A Smart City –

- Where lifelong learning, from early childhood through adult education, is a priority
- Where innovation and technology are embraced and drive improvement in all aspects of the community
- Where our educational system is high performing and attractive to all families

A Healthy City –

- Where clean air and water are abundant
- Where protection and improvement of natural resources is highly valued
- Where environmental stewardship is integrated into all city staff and government decision-making
- Where community elements, such as open spaces and parks, are designed to encourage and facilitate healthy lifestyles
- Where recreational amenities are integrated into and maintained as a part of the community
- Where public spaces and facilities are accessible and ADA compliant
- Where affordable, fresh local food is available in abundance to support local agriculture, healthy lifestyles and sustainable initiatives

A Resilient City –

- Where the built environment, economy, investments and all aspects of the community are designed, structured and operated to adapt to physical, financial, social and other challenges.
- Where programs, plans and practices are routinely evaluated and adjusted as necessary to maximize resiliency and safeguard the environment
- Where proactive planning and action on the issue of sea level rise has helped to ensure the community and its historic and public assets remain safe
- Where we promote multiple and alternative transportation modes which do not contribute to environmental hazard.