



Eliot Comprehensive Plan Update

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Kickoff Meeting

November 9, 2022

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What I love about Eliot

- Small town character
- Small town, connected feel
- Rural, small town feel
- Rural, community feel
- Good people, feel at home, caring, I know everyone on my street
- Caring community, new people, young families
- Rural character
- Caring, willingness to help others
- Potential, plethora of resources, opportunity to create the community we really want
- Communities within communities
- Lived here all my life, family, small community
- Ruralness of community, conservation
- Deep roots
- Best kept secret
- Vibe, location within prosperity, growth
- Location – near cities and mountains
- How easy it is to get involved, proximity to nature, central location in vibrant Seacoast area but still rural
- Green community – trees
- Rural character
- People
- Community stepping up to help neighbors in a time of need
- Great town to raise our kids, ability to bike places
- Character, beauty, and location; involved people

Input from
Committee members
at the meeting

One thing I would change or improve

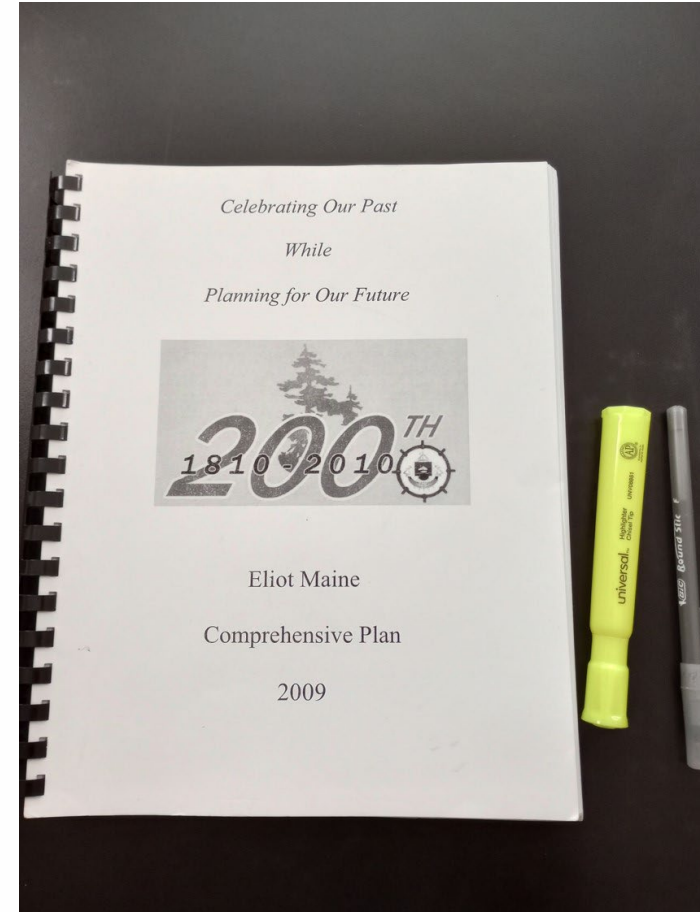
- Find new ways to make ourselves connected
- Community center
- Communications/information
- Community center, outdoor facilities in better repair
- IT/tech, more community involvement, information for community
- IT/tech, communication
- Access to affordable housing
- Catching up
- More happening with the Village
- Community Center
- Affordable housing
- Take much better care of our own, address poverty
- Challenges with preserving open spaces and with development pressures
- Want to be proud of our parks
- Community center; as a teen, places to walk and meet, e.g. coffee shops
- Community feature where we can connect
- Maintain connections to river, ocean – for children, future, wildlife
- Community center/gathering place, especially older adults, place to vote; improve Route 236, facelift, different businesses
- Improve affordability, ability to stay in town; Route 236 continued growth of businesses, jobs
- Affordable housing
- Biking and walking safety in town; accessible and affordable childcare
- Communication and reaching isolated people in town

Why update the Comprehensive Plan?

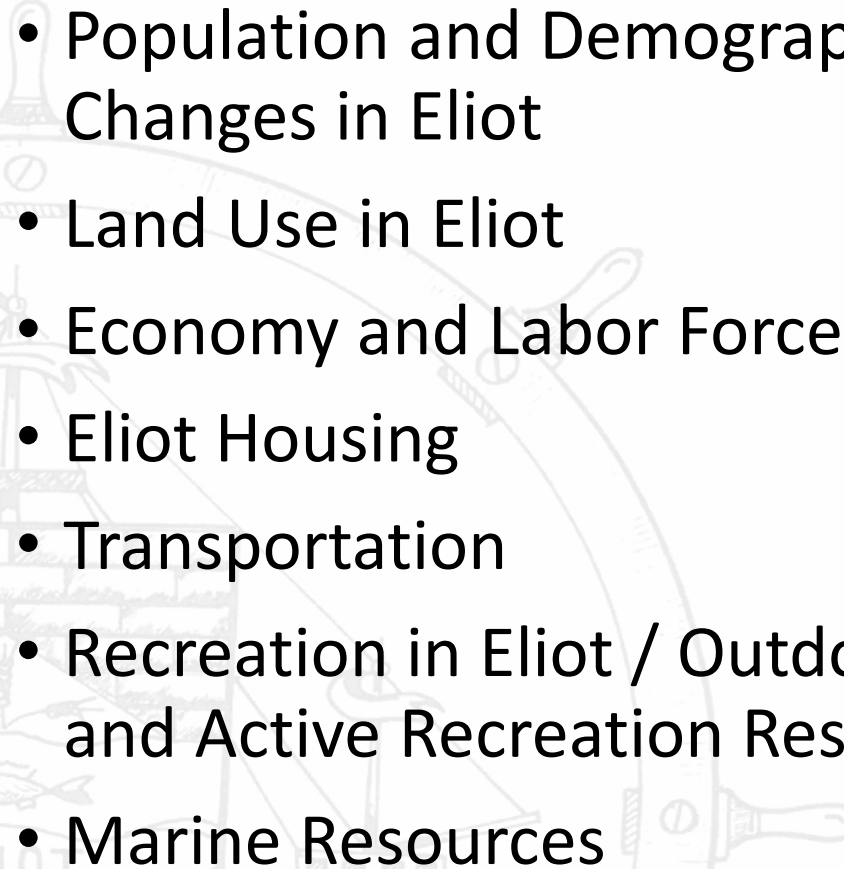
Updates should occur at least every 10 years.

The current plan is from 2009.

When we update it, we need to be ready to implement it.



2009 Plan topic areas

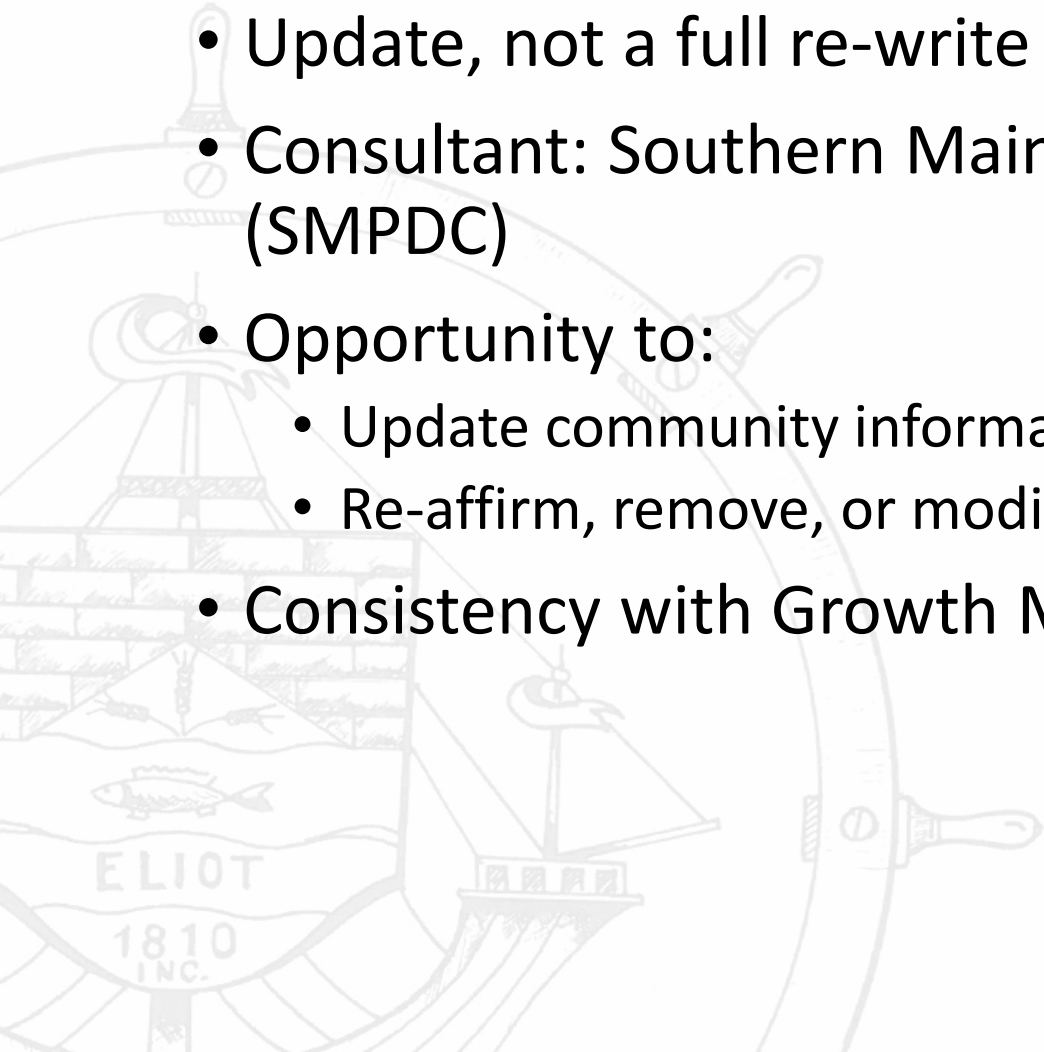
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- Population and Demographic Changes in Eliot
 - Land Use in Eliot
 - Economy and Labor Force
 - Eliot Housing
 - Transportation
 - Recreation in Eliot / Outdoor and Active Recreation Resources
 - Marine Resources
 - Water Resources
 - Critical Natural Resources
 - Historical and Archaeological
 - Agriculture and Forestry Resources
 - Public Facilities and Services
 - Energy
 - Fiscal Capacity

Public input

2009 Plan	2023 Plan
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Comprehensive Plan Committee (full committee) Subcommittees
4 public meetings	~4 public meetings (in-person/hybrid)
Community survey Print copy mailed to all households (3300 total, 650 responses)	Community survey Online survey with print survey option & assistance Direct mail postcard to all households
	Stakeholder meetings
	Other: event tabling, vision board, etc.
	Coordination with other projects, e.g. Community Resilience Partnership
	<i>Other ideas?</i>

About this update

- Update, not a full re-write (limited budget)
- Consultant: Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission (SMPDC)
- Opportunity to:
 - Update community information
 - Re-affirm, remove, or modify goals, policies, strategies
- Consistency with Growth Management Act



General schedule

- Tonight: **Comprehensive Plan Committee Kickoff Meeting**
- November/December: First **Subcommittee** meetings
- November-January: **Community Survey**
- This fall/winter: **Update Community Inventory**
- Early 2023:
 - First **public meeting** – Visioning
 - Next **Comprehensive Plan Committee** and **Subcommittee** meetings
- Winter/spring: **Goals, Policies, and Strategies (GP&S)** update
- Spring/summer: Preparation/review of **draft document**

Conceptual schedule

PB = Planning Board
SB = Select Board

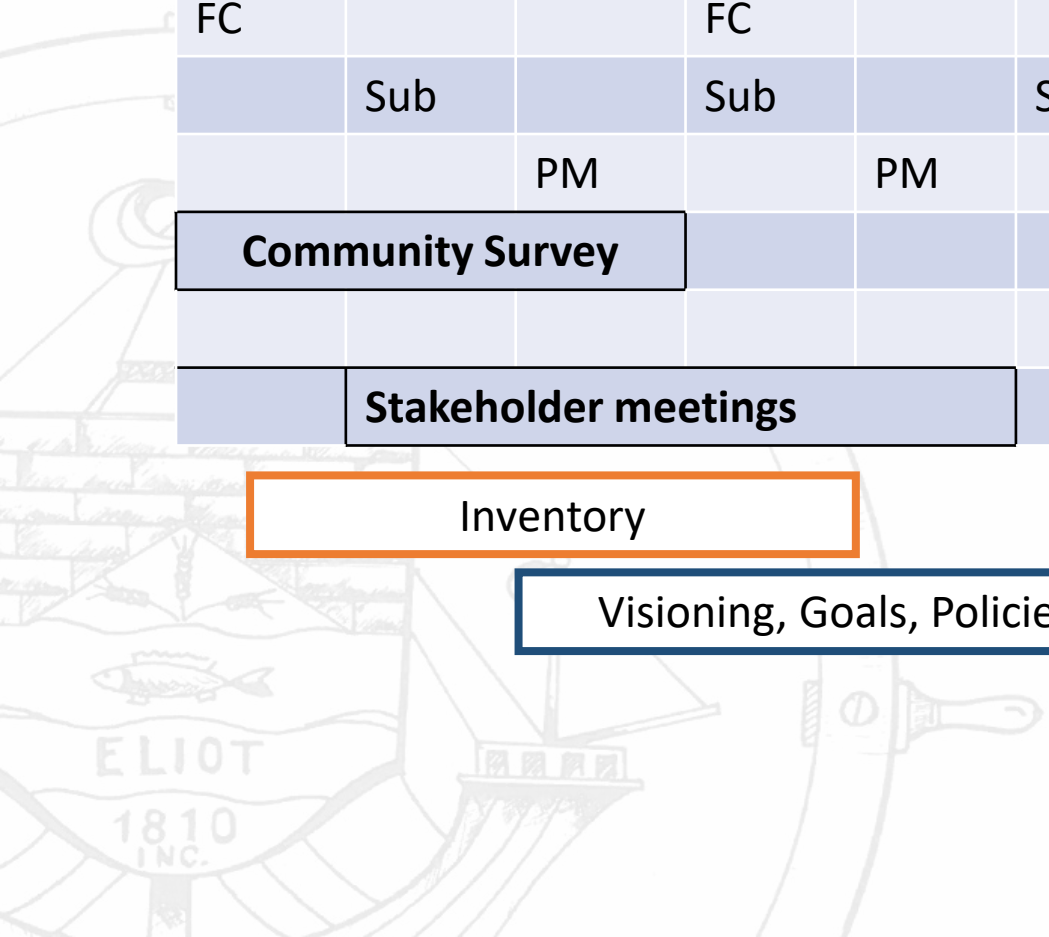
FC = CPC Full Committee
Sub = Subcommittees
PM = Public meeting

2022		2023										
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
FC			FC			FC			FC			
	Sub		Sub		Sub		Sub	Sub				
		PM		PM		PM			PM			
Community Survey												
							Advisory committees		PB, SB			Election
Stakeholder meetings												

Inventory

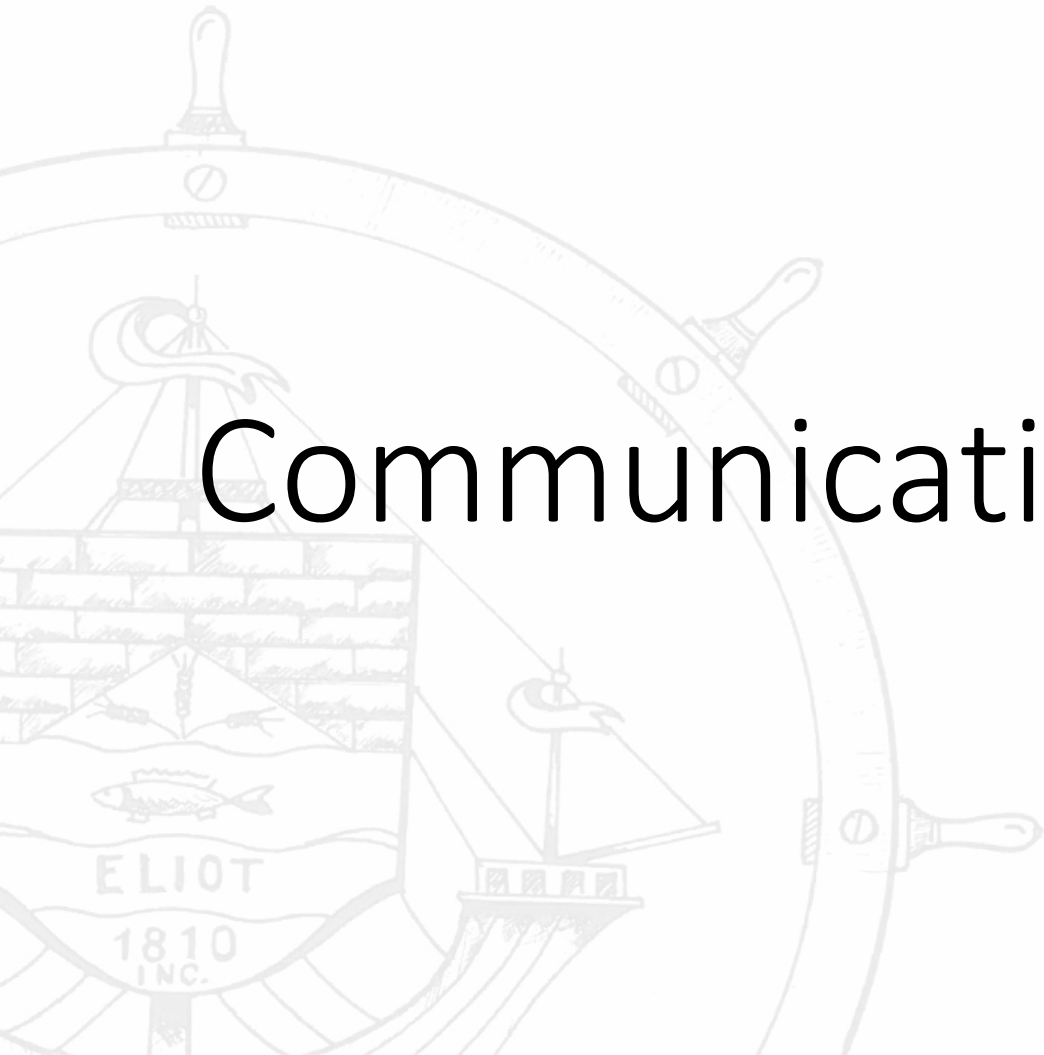
Visioning, Goals, Policies, Strategies

Plan Document



Committee and Subcommittee roles

- Full Committee = Subcommittees + Ex Officio Members
- General purpose of CPC: Guide the update of the Eliot Comprehensive Plan with a goal of an updated plan being approved by Eliot voters and being found consistent with Maine's Growth Management Act
- Full Committee
 - Meets quarterly to coordinate the update and share information
- Subcommittees
 - Meet more frequently to update inventory and GP&S



Communications & Info Sharing



Community Survey

Logo



Circle 1



Circle 2



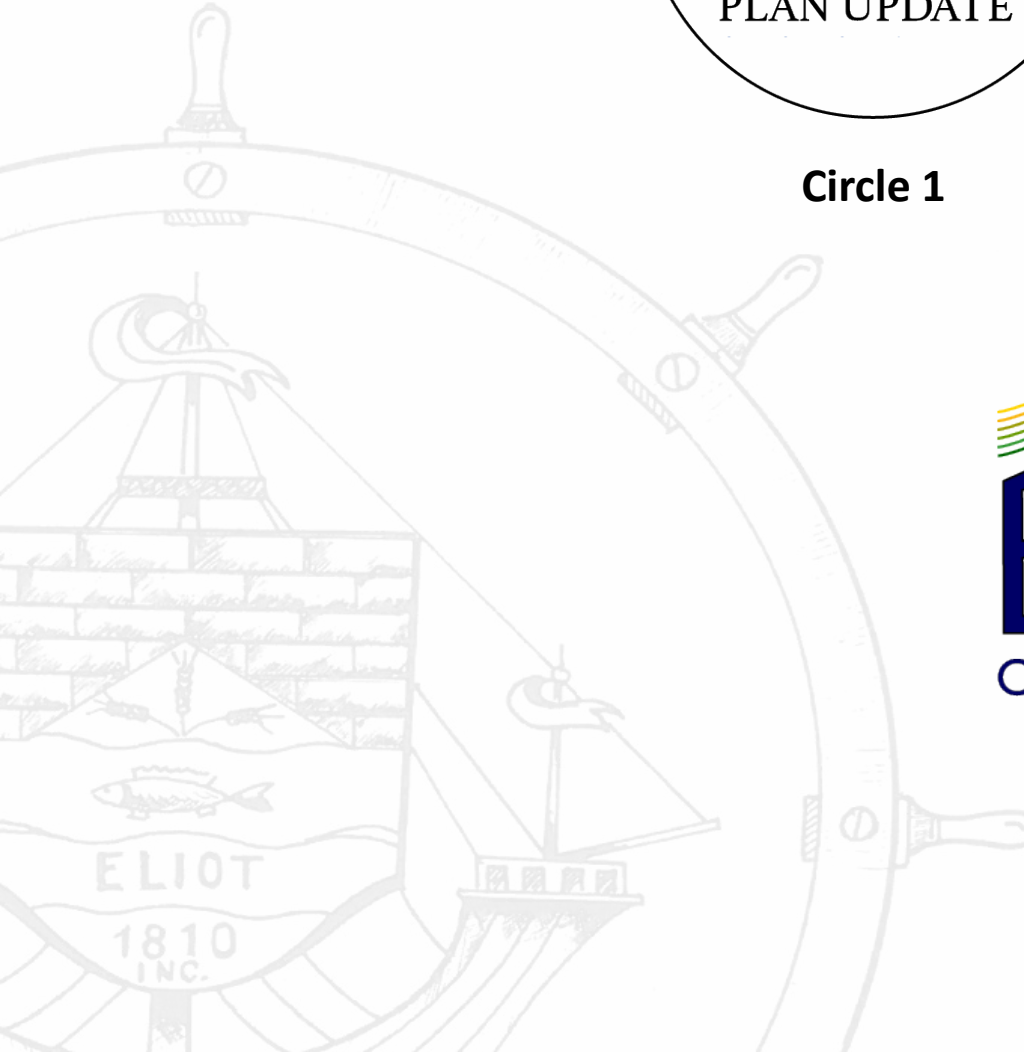
Wave



Horizon



River



Next steps

- Inventory
- Subcommittee meetings
 - Inventory, data, existing conditions
- First public meeting
 - Early 2023
 - Visioning

