Comprehensive Plan Project Overview

Town of Hatfield

Some history

1986

2002

2021-2022

Comprehensive Land and Use Plan Consultant: Almer Huntley Jr & Assoc. Inc. Process:

- Listening sessions, public hearings
- Led to map and zoning changes

Hatfield's Master Plan for the 21st Century

14 committee members Consultant: PVPC Process:

- Surveyed townspeople, held 3 public meetings
- Results determined topics of 6 working papers written by Committee members with public input.
- Led to some implemented recommendations.

2021

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Plan completed.

Plan defined Comprehensive Plan as a priority.

2022

Based on grant application with PVPC, Hatfield awarded \$283,900 MVP Action grant for Climate-Smart Comprehensive Plan by Baker administration.

Top Priorities from MVP Planning

Create a climate resilient Town master plan to enable planning for climate impacts

Plan for relocation of Town Center critical facilities out of the floodplain Incentivize climate resilient farming to enable transitions to better practices related to soils, diversity of crops, and long-term farmland protection

Conduct a town-wide drainage and stormwater study and strategy

Plan for climateresilient development, identifying future areas for development and preparing area plans for those locations

Assess condition along the Connecticut River dike and at the wastewater treatment plant

Process - 2024 Climate-Smart Comprehensive Plan

Year 1 (November 2022 to June 2023):

- Confirm purpose, workplan, and get input from Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)
- 2. Consultants do analysis, collect data, conduct specific outreach, prepare chapter background papers and reports, and come back with drafts for committee input and finalize
- 3. Engage public for input

Year 2 (July 2023 to June 2024):

- 4. Consultants with CPC chapter captains meet with working groups to draft chapters & then share with larger CPC group for feedback
- 5. Engage public for input on draft chapters
- 6. Compile chapters into formal plan document and develop action plan
- 7. Approval and submission of final document

Comprehensive Plan Elements

Planning Process and Engagement

Community Setting — Physical features, demographics, and climate change risks and vulnerabilities

Land Use

Housing

Health and Social Environment - to include age and dementia friendly action plan

Farming

Economic Development

Historic and Cultural Resources

Natural Resources, Open Space, and Recreation

Transportation and Circulation

Facilities, Services, and Social Resilience

Action Plan

Yellow = plan elements not required by MGL, Chapter 41, Section 81D *Italics* = plan elements that will involve review by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, but will not require chapter working groups

Consulting team



Also vendor for training on diversity, equity, and inclusion

Questions?