



**Putney Planning Commission
2023 Putney Town Plan Update
Community Meeting #1 – March 1, 2023**

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**Draft Vision and Strategic Directions Statement
For Community Comment and Feedback**

The purpose of the following draft vision and strategic directions statement is to guide overall 2023 Town Plan development and implementation, and help town government and community members connect independent actions as well as measure progress towards these high level priorities.

For the next 5-8 Years:

Vision

Putney is an inclusive, safe and resilient rural community where residents, businesses and organizations thrive, and live life in harmony with nature and each other.

Strategic Directions/Priorities to Realize this Vision:

1. Create a sustainable Village and local economy that effectively meet the needs of residents and visitors.
2. Increase the availability, accessibility, and quality of housing to meet the needs of all residents.
3. Increase community-wide connectedness, health and well-being.
4. Preserve natural landscapes and ecosystem biodiversity in partnership with adjacent communities.
5. Reduce and mitigate community-wide contributions to greenhouse gas emissions, and prepare all for the intensifying impacts of rapid climate change.

Informed by:

[VCRD Our Future Putney Community Visit Reports](#) – Winter 2022/23

[Putney Library Survey](#) – Summer 2022

[2015 Putney Town Plan](#)

[2021 Putney Town Meeting Approval of Article 13](#): Shall the Town of Putney declare that an ecological and climate emergency threatens our town, state, nation, and all of humanity and our natural world. With appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from State and Federal authorities, the Town of Putney commits to a town-wide effort to combat this imminent threat by:

- a) Reducing the release of greenhouse gasses that promote global warming, by promoting zero-carbon electricity, heating, and transportation systems.
- b) Supporting adaptation and resilience strategies for our residents, in preparation for intensifying local climate impacts.