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## Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee

### Does a Comprehensive Long Range Plan Really Help?

- Yes! It helps by:
  - Integrating physical, demographic, financial and policy data that communities need to explore options and make reasoned choices;
  - Identifying new issues or concerns;
  - Expressing coherent images of the past, present and future;
  - Providing a transparent process, and bridging the interests of old and new residents; and
  - Establishing a rational basis for local government policies and actions.

### What Purposes Does It Serve?

- Guides a community's physical evolution by choice, not chance.
- Takes a systematic, neutral look at growth and change.
- Helps to understand the physical, policy, regulatory and economic determinants of what exists today – as a basis for anticipating their impacts on tomorrow.
- Assures that major decisions do not occur in a vacuum.
- Provides a structured, predictable process for residents to participate in decisions that have long range consequences for the town.

## **What Are the End Results?**

- A thoughtful plan of action that can be implemented over time, regardless of the composition of boards and committees or changes in personnel.
- Information in many formats, usable by a wide variety of audiences.
- Broader understanding of opportunities, challenges, and trade-offs.
- Consensus
- Residents not active in local government before often become new, energetic contributors to the community.

## **How Can I Get Involved?**

- The Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee will be holding a number of public participation workshops to hear the issues that are important to you throughout the two year process – watch for announcements on the town website and in the Lincoln Journal.
- For more information, check out the town website at [www.lincolntown.org](http://www.lincolntown.org) or contact Mark Whitehead, Town Planner at 781-259-2684 or email Mark at [whiteheadm@lincolntown.org](mailto:whiteheadm@lincolntown.org).