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A Comprehensive Plan is a written document that identifies and establishes a community's goals, objectives, and recommendations in order to guide future growth, development, and/or preservation.

The Comprehensive Plan acts as a "guide" or a "blueprint" for the future, summarizes the history of the community, analyzes the present and/or existing conditions, sets forth issues, objectives and actions for forthcoming changes, and outlines an implementation strategy for those actions. In short, the plan tells us where we have been, where we are now, where we want to be, and how we are going to get there.

The Village of Granville Comprehensive Plan identifies and examines a comprehensive list of existing conditions, including demographics and economic features, natural resources, municipal resources, recreation and community facilities, education resources, transportation and land use. In concert with a strong public participation process, the Village of Granville Comprehensive Plan blends the data analysis with the future needs of the community to create and establish goals, recommendations, and actions from which to construct a new future.

The Village of Granville is authorized by Village Law §7-722 to undertake "comprehensive planning and to regulate land use for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens". Village Law further strengthens the role of Comprehensive planning by stating that any new land use regulations and/or amendments, and all plans for future capital projects of another governmental entity on land within the Village, must take into consideration the adopted Comprehensive Plan. As such, the Village of Granville has gone to great lengths to create a vision for the community that will set the tone for years to come.

The Village of Granville understands the positive and negative impacts of growth, the planning tools legally available to them, and their residents' expectations for the Village. The Comprehensive Plan offers an opportunity to fully understand the issues, and reaffirm and/or redirect the goals set out in previous planning efforts.

In order for the Village of Granville to continue to be socially and economically sustainable, it must respond to changing conditions. The vitality of the Village requires a strategic vision that weaves together the facts of changing economic conditions, the importance of valuable and limited open space, and the needs and desires of a diverse population.
