

Leland 2045

planning for generations

Implementation Update

4th Quarter 2023-2024



Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the fiscal year highlighting some of the work Leland is doing to bring us closer to the goals and vision of our Comprehensive Plan, Leland 2045. You can find more on the [Leland 2045: Planning for Generations](#) webpage.

Protection for our Natural and Cultural Resources!

Updates within the Natural and Cultural Resources include Town staff completing the Green Growth Network Framework Guide, a guiding policy document in collaboration with North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission that seeks to enhance the environmental character of the Town.



Town staff completed trash pick-ups along S Navassa Road and US Highway 17, collecting 470 pounds of trash.

Planning staff worked with the Division of Coastal Management to create the Town's CAMA map, which delineates areas within the planning area that are subject to state development regulations.

Livable Neighborhoods Accommodating Growth!

The Livable, Diverse, and Connected Neighborhoods theme had two exciting updates! The following happenings occurred during this quarter:

The Town amended the Code of Ordinances to create minimum lot sizes for duplexes, triplexes, and quadraplexes that helps support the density limits and character of the zoning district in which those structures are permitted in.

The redevelopment of Founders Park continues with progress made on clearing and grading the site to prepare for the installation of the extension of Perry Avenue, pouring footers and slabs for the amphitheater and pavilion, stormwater system infrastructure, and movement on other amenities of the park.



A Resilient and Stable Economy!

There were multiple things to report on within the quarter for this theme!

The Town hosted its inaugural Leland Life Science and Medical Technology Summit, which brought leaders who shared ideas and information relating to advancements within the industry.



The Town amended the Code of Ordinances to remove residential uses within commercial districts supporting commercially zoned land to be used for its full potential.

Lastly, Emergency Management held an exercise for Town staff that focused on continuity of government operations during a town- wide emergency.

Inclusivity, Health, and Safety!

Several things occurred that are related to the Inclusive, Supported, Healthy, Safe, and Educated Community theme. Those updates include:



Planning staff held two open houses for the public, in collaboration with AARP, to view the draft Age-friendly Strategic Plan that is currently in development.

Leland Fire/Rescue Department earned a Class 2 Fire Rating, making it among the top 8% of fire departments in the state.

The Town was awarded \$1,200 to support the Art Around Town program from March through May 2024 including which supported Pottery with John, Swing Dance with Casey, and other upcoming events.

Lastly, the Town was awarded \$4,780 from the North Carolina League of Municipalities Insurance Pool Safety Grant for Workers Compensation, which will be used to purchase body-worn cameras.

The Key is Infrastructure!

Key happenings pertaining to the Infrastructure theme occurred.

The Safe Streets 4 All Focus Group met to draft goals and priorities of the project.

The Town was awarded \$5,000 from the NCLM Insurance Pool Safety Grant for Property & Liability to reduce the potential for future property and liability insurance claims by installing a fence at the Municipal Operations Center and Fire Station 51

Lastly, Exult Engineering, PC was selected as the engineering firm to design the U.S. Highway 17 Pedestrian Crossing.

Cooperating in the Region!

There was one update that occurred within the Cooperative Region theme.

Leland Police Department held two national Law Enforcement leadership classes in February and April attended by which other departments from the state.

Our Planning Themes



HIGHLY VALUED AND PROTECTED NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Leland's natural resources are fundamental to our lifestyle, economy, well-being, and resilience. Protecting and maintaining its health and ecological function are a primary objective within planning for growth.



LIVABLE, DIVERSE, AND CONNECTED NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ACCOMMODATE GROWTH

Leland's neighborhoods and communities promote connectivity, sense of place, character, and quality of life. This is done by providing walkable and bikeable places for living, working, shopping, recreation, and interacting for diverse age groups, income levels, and abilities.



A RESILIENT AND STABLE ECONOMY

Leland has the programs, plans, strategies, and a workforce that is prepared to capitalize on regional opportunities that diversify and expand its tax base and stabilize its vulnerability to economic cycles.



AN INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTED, HEALTHY, SAFE, AND EDUCATED COMMUNITY

Public health, safety, and education are valued and provided for with access to housing choices, high quality schools, libraries, healthy foods, parks and recreation, health care, safe neighborhoods, art, and culture.



INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY LIFE

Leland plans and provides for efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly infrastructure service, walking and biking, safe and complete streets, and opportunities for potential future transit connectivity.



AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN A COOPERATIVE REGION

Leland's plans and the plans of adjacent jurisdictions complement each other's vision, goals, and opportunities for success. We collaborate with our neighbors to elevate both Leland and the region.

Our Vision

Leland is prosperous, inclusive, and resilient. It is a healthy, safe, equitable, and accessible community built upon our strong values for the natural environment; inclusivity; walking and biking; social, economic, and physical connectivity; the quality of our neighborhoods; access to services, facilities, and places to gather; and the unique image and sense of place we have nurtured together as a community.

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