



2019-2027

Comprehensive Plan

Executive Summary

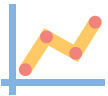


The **Essex Junction Comprehensive Plan** defines a comprehensive long-range vision for the community. It contains general goals and policies that guide decisions about the physical development or redevelopment of the community, and community issues more broadly.

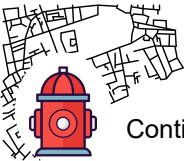
The following are sample objectives from the Plan, organized by **Heart and Soul** values to explain the breadth of issues this Plan addresses.



Local Economy



Engage in policies to make progress on the transit-specific strategies in the Economic Development and Vision Plan including:



Continue to invest in public infrastructure and manage public assets in collaboration with the Town.



Regional multimodal improvements



Freight rail service expansion



Transit-oriented development

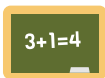


Work with the Town to implement the **Enhanced Energy Plan** to reduce energy consumption, generate more renewable energy, and reduce fossil fuel use in the heating, transportation and electricity sectors.

Education



Students are educated by a rigorous, well-balanced, proficiency-based curriculum to achieve reading and math fluency by the end of grade 3 and to graduate with the skills to be successful.



Strengthen early childhood education so children are ready to thrive in school and businesses have a robust workforce to support the local economy.



Health & Recreation



Integrate substance use prevention into our culture by working with Essex CHIPS and the school district to ensure youth are receiving healthy messages where they live, learn, and play.



Offer programs and facilities to ensure residents of all ages and abilities have access to physical activity and healthy food choices.

Community Connections



Maintain and enhance a culture that values diversity and offers a welcoming spirit.



Participate in local government and volunteer to stay connected and ensure all voices are heard.

Thoughtful Growth



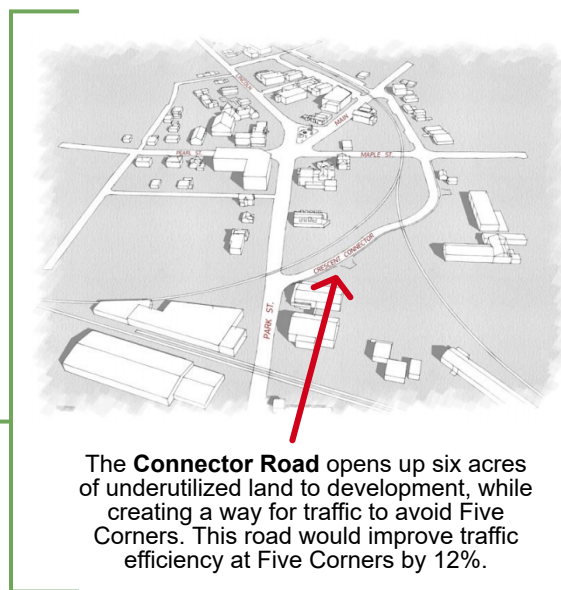
Reclaim space for people to create a high-quality pedestrian experience.



Create a governance structure and shared vision for the Village and the Town that enhances the unique characteristics of each.



Continue to leverage the Village Center and Neighborhood Development designations to add diverse housing types and attract local businesses in these areas.



The **Connector Road** opens up six acres of underutilized land to development, while creating a way for traffic to avoid Five Corners. This road would improve traffic efficiency at Five Corners by 12%.

Safety



Calm traffic in the Village Center.



Proceed with Crescent Connector construction.



Improve access to and safety of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.



For more information and to view the full Comprehensive Plan, visit:

essexjunction.org/departments/planning/complan/