



# Leading Long Island's Smart Growth Movement

## OUR MISSION

Vision joins with others to promote more livable, economically sustainable and environmentally responsible growth on Long Island through Smart Growth. Smart Growth focuses on infill re-development and open space preservation. It supports mixed-use, mixed income communities that are convenient, attractive, pedestrian-friendly and make affordable housing and public transportation desirable and realistic. A key objective is to strengthen communities from the start by actively involving local stakeholders in planning.

Over the past 20 years Vision has counseled downtown Villages and Towns, and has been a resource for the County, State, and Federal governments, as well as the business and civic community on downtown revitalization, planning and infrastructure. Vision has made over 2,500 presentations, performed over 25 community visionings and advanced over 125 public and private planning projects towards implementing the goals of Smart Growth on Long Island.

### IMPLEMENTING SMART GROWTH

- Smart Growth Education and Training: Delivering nearly 2,500 presentations to government, business and community groups
- Smart Growth Advocacy and Policy Development: Ongoing advocacy in Albany and Washington in the areas of transportation, sewer infrastructure, green energy and economic development helping to shape more than 80 code, policy and regulatory changes.
- SmartTalk - our e-newsletter reaches 25,000 Long Islanders weekly. Social media efforts include a presence on Facebook, Twitter, an Instagram, and YouTube channel
- Community Visioning & Planning Assistance: Work in communities on visionings, charettes and the advancement of community projects. Communities include: Hicksville, Farmingdale, Baldwin, Westbury, Manorhaven, Riverhead, Gordon Heights, Huntington, Huntington Station, Mastic/Shirley, Bay Shore, Kings Park, Central Islip, Lake Ronkonkoma/West, Farmingville, Southampton, West Babylon, Coram/Middle Island, Mastic Beach, Bethpage, and Valley Stream.
- Design and Technical Assistance: Implementing downtown, commercial corridor and infill development plans. Key projects include transit-oriented development, public infrastructure and clean energy
- Convening Regional Leadership and Smart Growth: Hosting the Smart Growth Summit, Smart Growth Awards and special worksessions; Organizing the Smart Growth Working Group, Long Island Lobby Day Coalition, Long Island Business Council, Suffolk Alliance of Chambers, Long Island Complete Streets Coalition, and Friends of Long Island.
- Downtown & Infrastructure Projects: Advanced over 125 public and private planning projects towards implementing the goals of Smart Growth. Nearly 14,000 units of transit oriented development have been approved in our local municipalities over the last 13 years, with the support of Vision Long Island.

### GOALS

- Securing redevelopment and infrastructure investments for Long Island's downtowns
- Comprehensive planning involving all stakeholders to yield consensus-based visions addressing long- and short-term needs of communities and the region as a whole
- Land use decisions that incorporate economic development considerations including the need for workforce housing, environmental concerns and a broad array of quality-of-life issues
- Compact development that is pedestrian-friendly, reduces automobile dependency and is focused around existing or newly designed transportation centers
- Zoning codes, land-use regulations and street design standards that enable and provide adequate incentives to facilitate Smart Growth development
- Promotion of downtown business districts and other community driven programs and to strengthen great places



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