



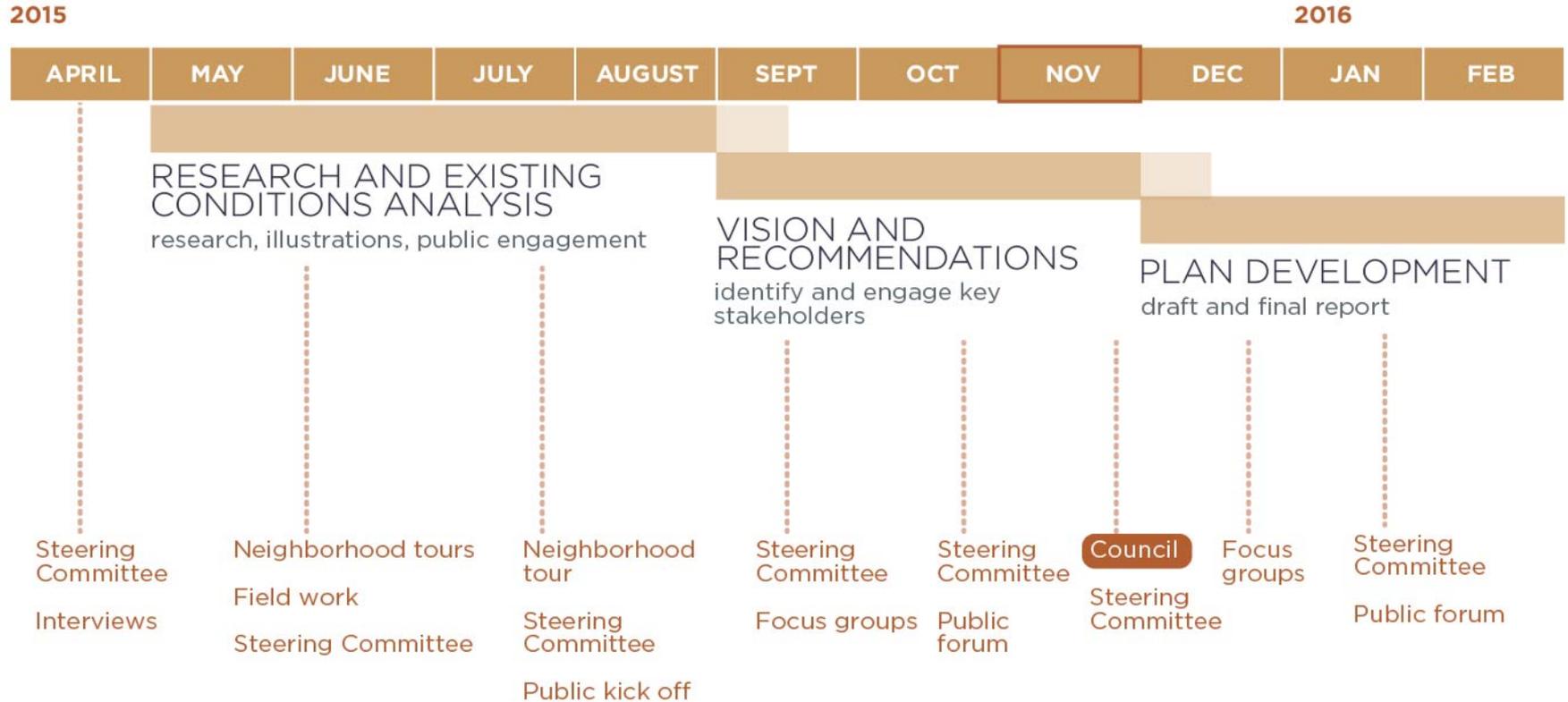
# TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RE-WRITE

\_INTERFACE STUDIO

Council Update November 23, 2015

# SCHEDULE



# COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

## LISTENING AND LEARNING

- DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS
- INTERVIEWS • COLLABORATIVE MAP
- TOURS • SURVEY

*THIS IS...* where we've been & where we are now



## VISION AND VALUES

- PUBLIC FORUM
- STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUPS
- REVIEW WITH STEERING COMMITTEE

*THIS IS...* where we want to be



## PRELIMINARY IDEAS

- DEVELOP PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS
- PUBLIC FORUM TO REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE
- REVIEW INPUT AND REFINE RECOMMENDATIONS

*THIS IS...* how we get there

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

# WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A citizen-driven guide for the future of North Kingstown that **guides policy** and **budgeting decisions**. It is necessary to form a **rational basis for the long-term physical development** of a municipality.



“Quality of life”

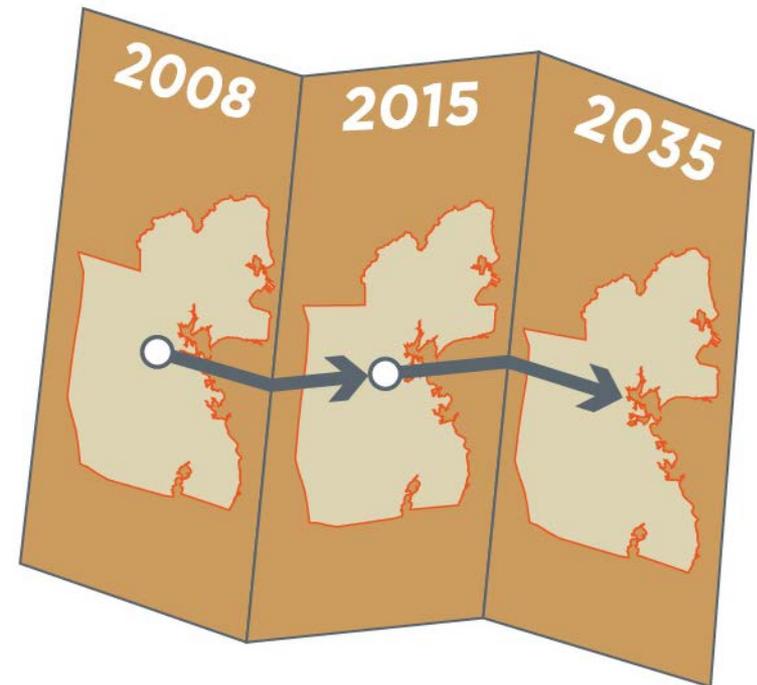
“Historic character”

# THIS MATTERS TO YOU BECAUSE...

YOUR VOICE CAN HELP TO MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. YOU MAY WANT:

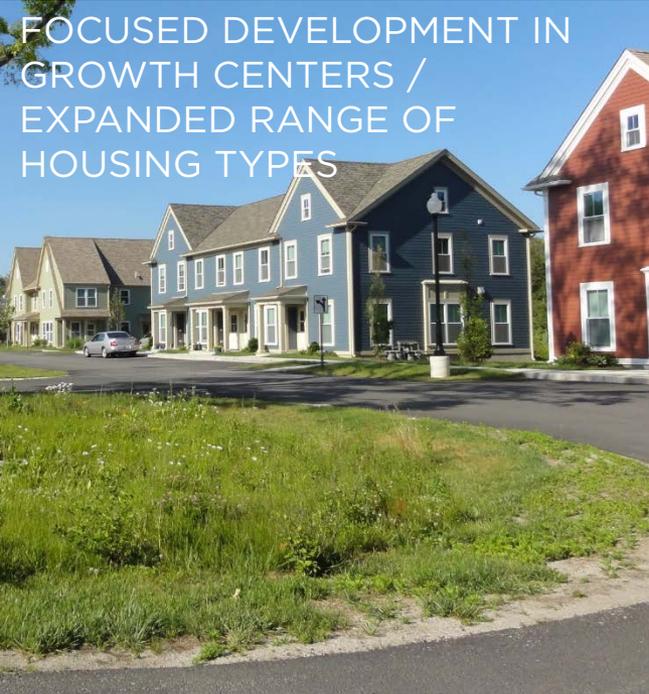
- Good services & schools
- Access to what makes the Town unique like the waterfront
- To have restaurant and shopping options close by
- Recreational opportunities (parks, trails, etc)
- To preserve the rural, small-town character

A comprehensive plan provides a guide to what improvements should happen where and when and enables the Town to pursue grants for implementation



# WHAT DID THE LAST PLAN HELP ACHIEVE?

FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT IN GROWTH CENTERS / EXPANDED RANGE OF HOUSING TYPES



PARKS & RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS



OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION



PHASED SEWER CONSTRUCTION



WICKFORD JUNCTION STATION / GARAGE

Wickford Junction  
Commuter Rail



SEA LEVEL RISE STUDY



UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH QDC



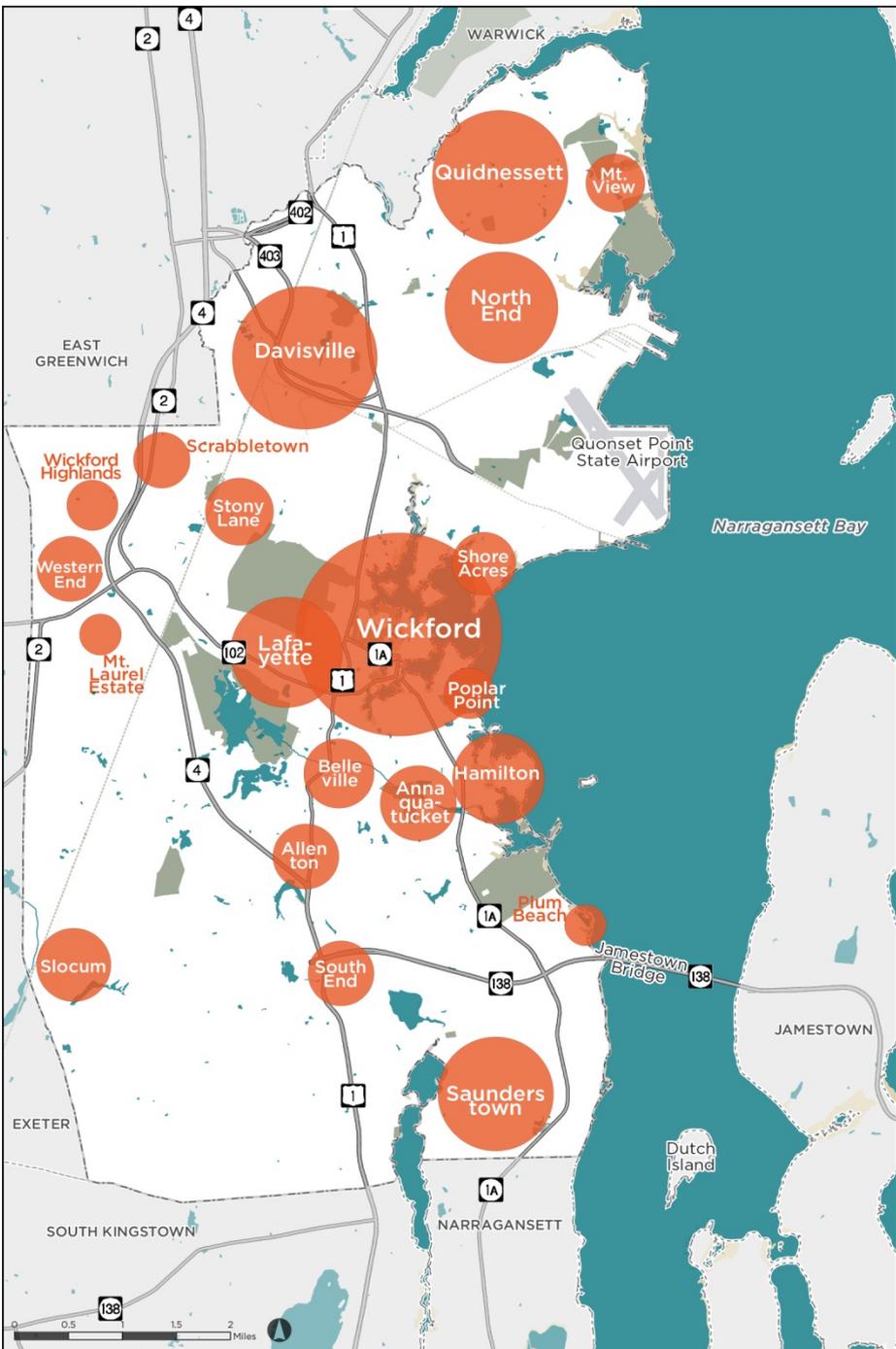
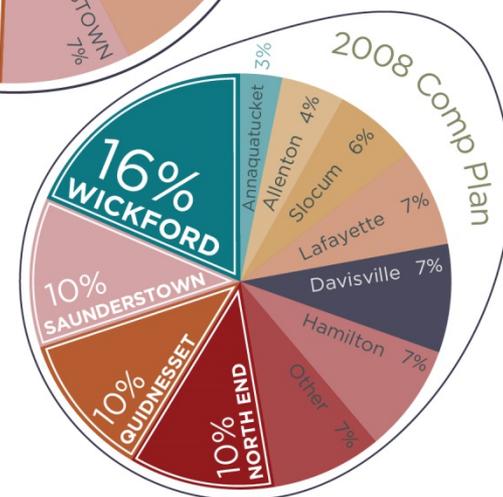
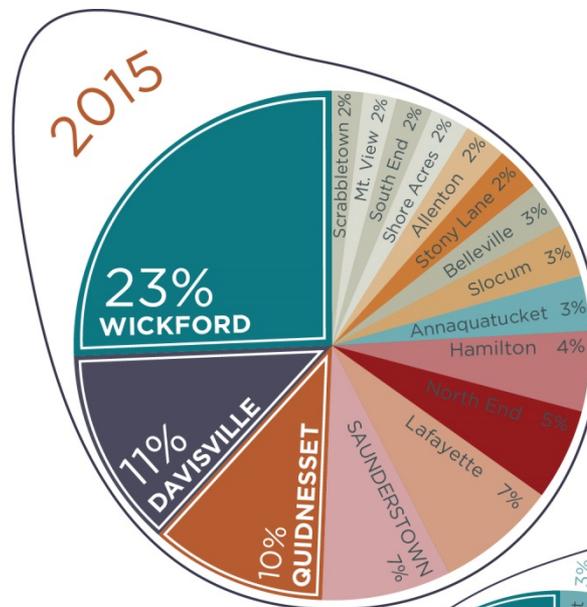
# BUILDING SUPPORT & CONSENSUS

# PUBLIC OUTREACH - ONLINE, OFFLINE, IN PERSON

<i>SURVEY</i>	<i>FACEBOOK LIKES</i>	<i>FACEBOOK REACH</i>	<i>INTERVIEWS</i>	<i>ATTENDED FOCUS GROUP</i>
<b>662</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1300+</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>
<i>TOURS</i>	<i>ATTENDED PUBLIC FORUM (JULY &amp; OCTOBER)</i>	<i>PUBLIC FORUM ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS</i>	<i>COLLABORATIVE MAP COMMENTS</i>	<i>TODAY/TOMMOROW COMMENTS</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>50+<sub>EACH</sub></b>	<b>158</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>70</b>
<i>POST ROAD COMMENTS</i>	<i>WICKFORD COMMENTS</i>	<i>WICKFORD JUNCTION COMMENTS</i>	<i>WATERFRONT COMMENTS</i>	<i>CONNECTIONS COMMENTS</i>
<b>211</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>

## SURVEY RESPONSES

*In 2015, a total of 662 people took the survey. In 2008 Comp Plan, 385 participated in the survey.*



### FEATURES

- Highways
- Rail
- Water

### BOUNDARIES

- North Kingstown
- RI Municipal

# WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST?

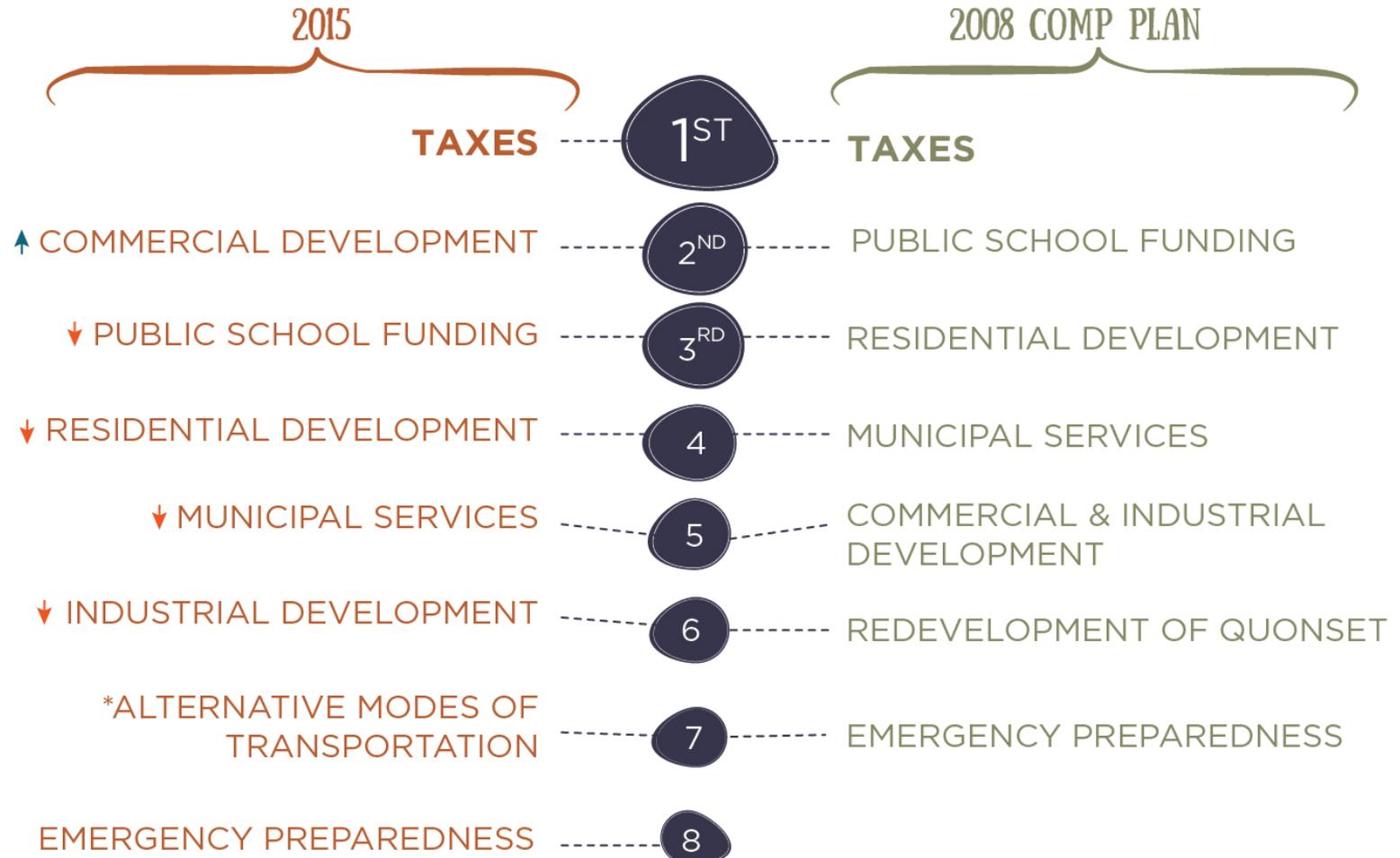
2015

2008 COMP PLAN

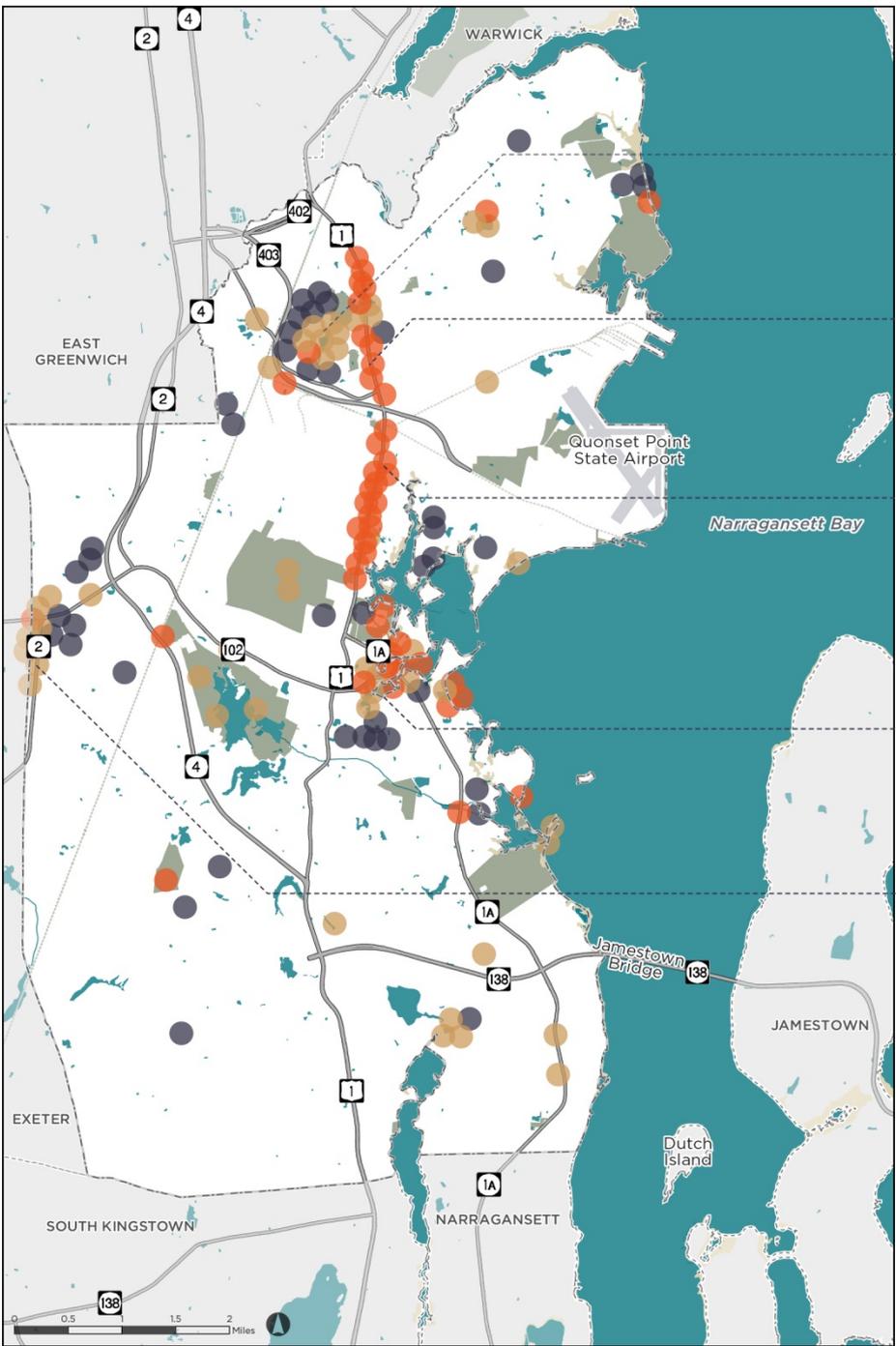
<b>TOWN CHARACTER</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>TOWN CHARACTER</b>
<b>GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY</b>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY</b>
↑ NARRAGANSETT BAY ACCESS	3 <sup>RD</sup>	CENTRAL LOCATION
↑ PUBLIC SCHOOLS	4	NARRAGANSETT BAY ACCESS
↓ CENTRAL LOCATION	5	PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT
↓ PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	6	PUBLIC AMENITIES
↓ PUBLIC AMENITIES	7	PUBLIC SCHOOLS
↑ DISTANCE TO WORK	8	OTHER
*QUALITY & TYPES OF HOUSING	9	SHOPS AND STORES
↑ MUNICIPAL SERVICES	10	LOCAL ARTS COMMUNITY
↓ SHOPS AND STORES	11	DISTANCE TO WORK
↓ LOCAL ARTS COMMUNITY	12	MUNICIPAL SERVICES
*ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT	13	

“ Hard to choose just three from this list ”

# WHAT ARE YOUR MAJOR CONCERNS?



# RESIDENTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLABORATIVE MAP



“ Beautiful water feature in the center of a dense neighborhood. Just needs to be cleaned and polished. ”

“ Infill and support existing development rather than neglecting and sprawling. ”

“ Make this area bike friendly, pedestrian friendly, and connected. ”

“ Downtown is the gem that draws people here, but there is little to do there. That has to change. ”

“ Scenic residential and farm land. ”

“ I would like to see the rural character protected. ”

DAVISVILLE  
14%

POST ROAD  
46%

WICKFORD  
26%

RT. 2 & 102  
14%

## IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

- Where participants live
- A hidden gem
- A place the town should invest in

## FEATURES

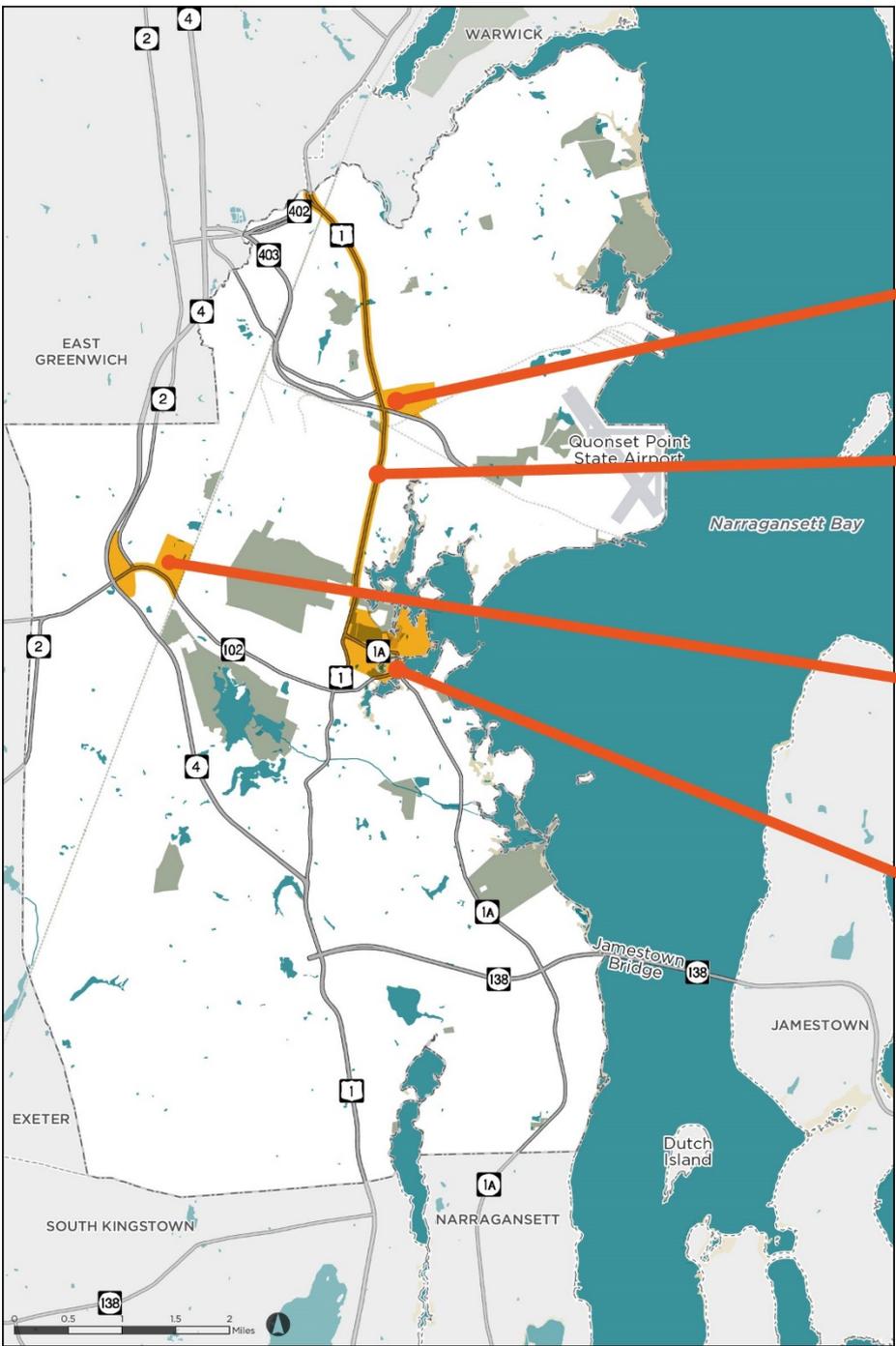
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# HERE'S WHAT WE'VE LEARNED: THEMES

# COMMERCIAL AREAS



## QUONSET GATEWAY



## POST ROAD



## WICKFORD JUNCTION/ RT. 4 & 102



## WICKFORD

- FEATURES**
- Highways
  - Rail
  - Water
- BOUNDARIES**
- North Kingstown
  - ▨ RI Municipal

# POST ROAD

76% consider **POST ROAD REVITALIZATION** a **PRIORITY**

“ We need to focus on rebuilding Wickford village and the Post Road business district. ”

*but*

“ The main development area is along Route 4 and 102 toward Wickford Junction. ”

# WICKFORD JUNCTION

HOW CAN WE ENHANCE THE VALUE OF THE STATION FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUTERS?



Wickford Junction  
Commuter Rail

**53%** want **MORE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**

**28%** think **IMPROVING COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE** should be a **PRIORITY**

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**NORTH KINGSTOWN HAS GAINED  
ALMOST AS MANY JOBS AS ITS  
NEIGHBORS COMBINED BETWEEN  
2004-2014**



# OPEN SPACE AND RESOURCE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

NORTH KINGSTOWN'S NATURAL BEAUTY  
AND OPEN SPACES ARE IMPORTANT  
ELEMENTS OF ITS CHARACTER.



**54%** think **GROUNDWATER &  
WATERSHED PROTECTION**  
should be a **PRIORITY**

# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND SEA LEVEL RISE



“Water issues will be a big concern, maybe not in our lifetime but in our kids’ lifetime. There’s no getting around that.”

Hurricane Sandy storm surge

# SERVICES

MUNICIPAL SEWER SERVICE, OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION AND SCHOOL FUNDING ARE KEY ISSUES



# WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

MANY VOICES ...



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A **VISION STATEMENT** DESCRIBES A POTENTIAL FUTURE - WHAT YOU WANT NORTH KINGSTOWN TO BE. IT IS ASPIRATIONAL & PROVIDES GUIDANCE IN TAKING STEPS TO ACHIEVE THE OUTCOME YOU WANT.

**GOALS** ARE STATEMENTS DESIGNED TO HELP ACHIEVE THE VISION AND PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ORGANIZING STRATEGIES.

**STRATEGIES** ARE THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT WILL FULFILL YOUR GOALS AND THE VISION.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Develop draft strategies (November ~ December)
- Focus Groups (December)
- Public Forum (January ~ February)

## STAY IN TOUCH AND SPREAD THE WORD

Stay in the loop through:

1) the Town's website:

<http://www.northkingstown.org/comprehensive-plan-re-write>

2) FaceBook: [www.facebook.com/NorthKingstownPlan](http://www.facebook.com/NorthKingstownPlan)

3) Updates on the bulletin boards at Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, and the Library.

**THANK YOU!**