

Town of Stamford
Draft Vision and Goal Statements

Vision:

In 15 years, the Town of Stamford will be a place that continues to maintain and celebrate its small town, rural character and natural beauty. We will continue to maintain our open spaces and the pristine nature of the environment. Dairy farms will remain the backbone of our agricultural economy. A diversity of farm, agri-business, and agri-tourist operations will provide jobs and safe food. Our quality of life will be enhanced because of the Towns' strong sense of community through its caring, friendly people and the dedicated organizations and volunteers that serve us well.

Enhancing the economic prosperity of our Town is a priority for Stamford's residents and government over the next 15 years. The Stamford community will re-localize its economy enabling it to support a variety of farms and businesses that provide not only locally available retail stores, products and services but job opportunities for all ages. Stamford will celebrate both its unique character and the local talents our residents have to offer. Our villages will have vital and active main streets that are supported by residents and attract tourists alike. Additional venues will be established to provide cultural and recreational activities for all. The Town of Stamford's character, coupled with vital main streets, farms, and small town atmosphere will make it an all-season destination.

Our town will value well-maintained, appealing, clean and affordable housing. Stamford will expand its well-maintained roads, safe walking and biking opportunities, and high speed broadband services and telecommunications.

The Town of Stamford will continue to have strong, local schools with modern technology and library services that will prepare our youth for a competitive future. Stamford will be a safe caring community that nurtures our young and takes care of our seniors.

Goals

- 1. Community Character** – To maintain and enhance community character which includes Stamford’s natural beauty and scenic vistas, friendly and helpful people, rural and small town atmosphere, agriculture, well-maintained properties, history and historical properties, agriculture, and its sense of home and community.
- 2. Environmental Protection** – To protect our open spaces, natural resources and promote a sustainable environment.
- 3. Food and Agriculture** – To increase the economic vitality of our existing farms and retain and promote jobs through expanding agricultural operations in a sustainable manner. To make locally produced food more affordable and accessible.
- 4. Economic Development** – To increase the availability and support of local products and services. To promote small business growth that provides sustainable jobs. To develop programs and policies that support revitalizing our main streets. To promote year-round tourism that is oriented towards our Town’s character, recreational opportunities, main streets, and agriculture.
- 5. Infrastructure** – To provide for well-maintained roads with safe pedestrian opportunities and with adequate traffic flow. To provide for high speed internet and cellular services throughout the town. To promote excellent community-based schools. To provide for outstanding medical and EMT/volunteer fire services.
- 6. Recreation** – To enhance opportunities for hiking, walking, hunting, and other outdoor activities. To promote our recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors. To increase art and cultural opportunities.
- 7. Affordable and well-maintained housing** – To provide for housing that meets the needs of people who work and live here. To encourage well maintained streets, homes, and properties.
- 8. Cooperation and Communication** – To improve communication and collaboration between local government officials, residents, neighboring municipalities, and visitors. To promote participation in local government and in our community organizations.