

Vision



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3. Town Vision and Growth Policy

3.1 Vision Statement

Orleans in 2020 will be a thriving community that has preserved its semi-rural seaside character, maintained the health of its abundant natural resources, and carefully managed its residential and commercial growth, thereby enhancing the quality of life for its citizens and visitors. It will maintain its maritime heritage and traditional occupations. It will have an attractive, readily accessible business center, and a business and professional community that provides diverse year-round employment and a wide variety of goods and services. Orleans will be a family vacation destination with ready access to its open spaces, recreational facilities, and beaches. Orleans will be a desirable home for people of diverse backgrounds and a good place in which to raise children. Its people will continue to participate in town government, civic activities, and be generous in their support of education and the arts.

It is the policy of this Town to ensure that future growth is at a level and in such a manner that will have no or minimal adverse effect upon semi-rural character and environmental integrity of the Town. Tracts of land that are currently developable should be preserved permanently through public and private action to attain a goal of at least 400 acres of additional openspace. Future residential housing development should be designed to preserve open lands where practicable, should be away from environmentally sensitive areas, and should contribute to meeting the needs of the community for affordable housing. Future business activities should be oriented primarily in village areas and strip commercial development prevented