



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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### **City Continues to Discuss Updating the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement**

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, (January, 2015) At their regular meeting on January 8, Planning Commissioners were presented with several draft vision statements for the Comprehensive Plan Update. After much discussion and collaboration with community members, a final draft statement was completed. This final draft will be presented for Planning Commission's review at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 22. Input on the draft vision statement can be submitted by email to [pcd@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:pcd@bainbridgewa.gov), in writing at City Hall or on Community Voice section on the City website.

The draft vision statement is below:

*Bainbridge Island is notable for its beauty, its maritime climate, its location between Seattle and the Olympic Peninsula, and its support of the arts. The island consists of beaches and harbors, forests and fields, trails and two-lane country roads, homes and businesses surrounded by the waters of Puget Sound. We are defined as much by the water around us as by the ground beneath our feet.*

*Bainbridge has a rich natural and cultural history including a long presence of indigenous people, followed more recently by European and Asian immigrants who built timber, maritime and agricultural economies. Contemporary Bainbridge Island is home to a diverse mix of people including farmers, artists, students, business professionals, retirees, and is hospitable to visitors.*

*The people of Bainbridge aspire to accommodate inevitable growth while protecting the wildlife habitat, watersheds, shorelines, open space, and the air and water quality of the island. We welcome innovative ideas, industrious business people, new and traditional cultures, and people of all ages and backgrounds. We strive to provide quality housing, education, health care, and business, recreational, and cultural opportunities for all of our inhabitants. We embrace local food sources, renewable energy, and paths for biking and walking.*

*Global warming and the impacts of climate change are major issues for our generation, and will be for the foreseeable future. We recognize that it will be challenging to adapt to the environmental and economic changes that we will face in the decades ahead. The good will, imagination, and pragmatism of our citizens will foster a compassionate environment in which*

*we listen to, learn from, and engage with all the people who live here. There is no word for exclusion in the Lushootseed language of Puget Sound.*

*The people of Bainbridge Island understand that it will take an active approach to not only maintain, but restore and enhance the condition of the island if we expect to continue enjoying its bounty. Island residents balance personal interests with concern for the community and the environment. As the island's population increases, we will manage our lands and waters thoughtfully, with innovative planning policies.*

*Bainbridge Island embraces the challenges of our future. That future depends on residents and visitors alike to actively participate in shaping a joyful, stable, and sustainable community. Bainbridge aims to be a place where its inhabitants and future generations will feel honored to be stewards of the land and keepers of its culture.*

Questions regarding the vision statement or the Navigate Bainbridge- Comprehensive Plan Update can be submitted to Jennifer Sutton, Special Projects Planner at 206.780.3772 or [jsutton@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:jsutton@bainbridgewa.gov).

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