

6.1 Framework for the Future – Suffolk County Comprehensive Master Plan 2035 was adopted on August 12, 2015, after 2 public hearings and a two-year public and stakeholder outreach process.

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This entire plan was developed and written with an emphasis on sustainability, resiliency and innovation in planning for Suffolk County’s future. It considers every aspect of sustainable best management practices for policy and capital project planning in areas of housing, transportation, environment, innovation economy.

We are seeking points for each required category and for 3 points each for the additional categories for 21 points.

*Required: Support alternative modes of transportation (including strategies for bicycles, pedestrians, public transit, and electric vehicles)* is Chapter 1 “Build a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transit Network to Provide More Transportation Choices to Improve Mobility, Access and Safety”

*Required: Promote smart growth principles in land-use policies* is highlighted in both Chapter 1 as well as Chapter 2 “Provide Equitable, Affordable, Fair Housing” and Chapter 4 “Support Vibrant Communities”

*Required: Conserve natural areas (including strategies to designate open space and protect it from development)* is extensively addressed in Chapter 6 “Protect the Environment and Enhance Our Human Capital”. Beginning on page 52 “Optimize Open Space Investments.

*Required: Promote a healthy and safe community* – these are throughout the Plan, and specifically emphasized in Chapter 1 which speaks to Safety and beginning on page 55 “Foster Healthy Communities”

*Required: Foster equity (including strategies for housing, schools, transportation, recreation, food, and environmental exposures)* is found throughout the plan in each chapter, especially Chapter 2, page 24 Build Capacity to Increase Fair Housing and Chapter 3 page 36 Decrease Barriers to Employment.

3 Points: Foster green economic development is in Chapter 3 Enhance Economic Competitiveness and Capacity to Build an Innovation Economic. Pages 28 – 29 Strengthen the Tourism and Adventure Recreation Sector, which stresses the beauty and importance of local water features, and the priority of protecting water-related resources. On page 33 –foster industries agriculture and aquaculture.

3 Points: Decrease dependence on fossil fuels and support energy efficiency and renewable energy Production. Page 47 Encourage Renewable Energy, Greening Public Infrastructure and Facilitate Cooperation with Local Energy Utilities

3 Points: Foster the efficient use of natural resources (e.g., water conservation) Page 39 Chapter 5 Streamline Government, Coordinate Policies and Leverage Investment – speaks to efficiency in all areas of planning and environmental protection. Page 43 Chapter 6 Protect the Environment and Enhance Our Human Capital and page 50-54 Build for Resiliency and Optimize Open Space.

3 Points: Promote the development of (or the conservation of) local food systems – Page 55 Foster Healthy Communities include develop a robust local farm to table chain, continue the long-term

preservation of farm land and support Food Policy Councils' expand the number and location of health food retail outlets including healthy food retail in low income communities.

3 Points - Minimize solid waste (including strategies to promote recycling and composting or anaerobic Digestion of organic materials) – page 56 Priority Action Area Waste In –Waste Out, which includes support of new applications for recovered materials and convene a regional summit of Resource Recovery stakeholders.

3 Points - Protect drinking water sources from pollution- Page 43 Protect the Region's Environment – “Reclaim Our Water” Suffolk county has a heritage of protecting its drinking water. Plan 2035 emphasizes and underscores previous extraordinary efforts and plans for the future of clean drinking water.

3 Points: Promote adaptation to climate change (including strategies related to land use and public education and engagement) – Page 24 Plan for Community Resiliency and Climate Adaptation is specific to this point, but other examples are throughout the Plan.

Regarding Plan Development and public outreach, the County engaged a number of stakeholders in developing priorities and reviewing drafts of the report, including representatives of housing advocacy, environmental justice, environmental advocates, economic development orgs and regional planning organizations.