

**Board of Selectmen
Town Plan Vision Statement**

The Town Plan serves as a flexible blueprint for the continuing development of our community. It identifies enhancements and additions to our infrastructure and provides the basis for maintenance of our existing resources.

- Darien continues to be primarily a New England style, single-family dwelling community.
- The Town Plan must balance growth and development with preservation and protection of the existing ecosystem on which our future depends, i.e. open space, the Long Island Sound, coastal habitat, our streams, ponds and wetlands.
- Downtown and traditional neighborhood commercial centers or corridors, through scale, character and density should create a strong sense of place for living, shopping and dining and add to the vitality of our community.
- Multi-modal transportation and pedestrian-friendly streetscape should be complimentary to the character of our town.
- Total citizen involvement, including our elected, appointed and volunteer groups, are critical to effective planning and successful implementation.

The town must adopt and implement high quality public policies promoting long-term growth, development and infrastructure improvements. Thoughtful, dynamic leadership continues to be necessary to ensure our community implements the blueprint provided by this Town Plan.

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