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More about a Comprehensive Plan

- North Carolina General Statutes now require that all local governments that wish to enforce zoning regulations must have a reasonably maintained comprehensive plan or land use plan by July 1, 2022. The Town has undertaken this planning process through Kerr Tar Council of Governments not only to comply with this requirement, but also develop a shared vision for the future use of land and for investments in infrastructure and other community systems to support that vision, along with a map and action plan for how to get there.
- There is interest in creating a shared vision that can be supported by a wide cross-section of the community
- Public outreach efforts can touch on issues across the spectrum of a community's challenges and opportunities, suggest a range of potential action items, and provide different perspectives on the direction the community should take in the future.
- Considerations in the following categories may be discussed:
 1. Natural Resources and Hazards (e.g. farmland; flooding)
 2. Community resources and Assets (e.g. parks and rec facilities)
 3. Community Development and Housing (e.g. range of housing types; need)
 4. Economic Development (e.g. trends, assets, and opportunities)
 5. Public Facilities and Infrastructure (e.g. transportation needs, funding sources)
 6. Future Development Patterns (e.g. preferred development types; locational considerations)
- Initial survey is to help in learning about some of the key issues and considerations at the outset of the planning process.