

GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Housing

Currently, Bowdoinham is made up of predominantly single-family houses.

Goals

1. To encourage and promote safe and affordable housing opportunities, consistent with other goals within this plan, such as those in the Age-Friendly section.
2. To promote a diversity of housing opportunities.
3. Decrease barriers to housing development, while also protecting our scenic, natural, and agricultural resources.
4. Encourage housing development in the Village district through infill and capitalize on our public water supply.

Key Issues

We need more affordable housing, seasonal housing for our summer workforce, and manageable housing for elderly and others while protecting our farmlands and other natural resources.

Housing opportunities are limited by access to public water and sewer as illustrated in **the Bowdoinham Water District map # on page #.**

Recommendations

1. Promote and encourage housing that is energy efficient, made from local and sustainable materials, reduces fossil fuel consumption, and is powered by on site renewable energy, by utilizing Property Assessed Clean Energy financing and other funding mechanisms as they become available.
2. Allow diverse housing types within the Town's ordinances including cluster and co-housing.
3. Support efforts to develop affordable, subsidized, seasonal, and workforce housing.
4. Encourage the development of housing opportunities for the elderly and disabled, including supported living.
5. Support efforts to help vulnerable populations remain in their homes by partnering with mutual aid programs.
6. Establish and support a housing sub-committee to recommend ways to increase housing in accordance with the comprehensive plan.
7. Expand Village District I to encompass all areas served by Bowdoinham Water District.
8. Create a Village District III that encompasses areas served by the Richmond Utilities District.
9. Encourage alternative and cooperative wastewater treatment systems to support increased housing density.