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The Vision of Shelter Island for the next few decades must be based on<sup>1</sup>:

- Sustainability: development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- Resilience: the capacity to adapt, survive and grow in the face of shocks and stressors
- Diversity: just and fair inclusion in which all can participate, prosper and reach their full potential

### ***Natural Resources***

- Sustainability requires management of our waters so that further degradation of our fresh water aquifer and surface water environments is halted and we implement all the strategies necessary for remediation
- Resilience will depend on our ability to manage the climate change and sea level rise that is already in progress and expected to accelerate
- Equitable solutions will include actions to offset the negative impacts of our sustainable and resilient policies

### ***Community***

- In order to sustain the community of the Island which has long been an interesting and flourishing mix of year round locals, retirees, part-time residents, and tourists, we must address the lack of year round, dependable housing
- The resilience of this community in all its economic diversity depends on the continued encouragement and fostering of a vibrant volunteer base, the public school and public facilities/cultural institutions that serve everyone
- Responsible economic development will bring opportunities for the equitable inclusion of all the traditional members of the Island community

### ***Land Use***

- Balancing the rights of property owners with the rights of the public to clean waters, stewarding our natural/cultural resources and enabling the continued sense of community will ensure a sustainable future
- Continued conservation of open spaces and aquifer protection including the use of technological solutions, will form the foundation of a resilient Island
- Equity requires that the Island, as a community, provides a counterbalance to the market forces that endlessly propel development

<sup>1</sup>Rouse, David and Piro, Rocky (2022). *The Comprehensive Plan*. New York, NY: Routledge