

Town of Readfield, Maine

Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement 2022

Mission : The Town of Readfield is a scenic, dynamic and diverse community committed to fostering an inclusive, vibrant way of life for people of all backgrounds and ages. This vision commits to preserving the rural nature of our community while strategically developing a plan for a sustainable future.

Strong Community, Culture, and Heritage:

- Encourage community participation at all levels in which residents, businesses owners, and town leaders cooperate to advance the goals and priorities of the Comprehensive Plan
- Preserve the scenic landscape and natural resources – lakes, forests, open spaces
- Support local agriculture through protection of farmland and encourage local agribusinesses

Healthy and Valued Ecosystem:

- Continue responsible stewardship of natural and recreational resources
- Maintain and expand the current network of trails and sidewalks
- Enhance age friendly public access to Readfield beach, Fairgrounds Recreation area and trails
- Protect the quality of lakes, ponds, streams for all season recreational activities – boating, fishing, swimming, ice skating, snowmobiling
- Work to acquire additional conservation land as it becomes available
- Encourage recycling and composting

Diversified Economy:

- Support the current businesses, such as those located at the Readfield Depot, Readfield Corner and Kents Hill
- Encourage new eco-friendly development in the area of Readfield Corner that is close to the Town Office, Readfield Community Library and Post Office
- Encourage new businesses that fulfil basic needs in this small service area such as café, bakery, Bank/24/7 ATM

Attractive and Attainable Housing:

- Develop a plan to create a range of housing options for residents of all ages, income levels and life stages that would be consistent with town architectural flavor

Coordinated and Connected Infrastructure:

- Prioritize development (or participation) in a transportation network that provides access to local service centers such as Winthrop and Augusta.
- Create connections – educational as well as cultural between the community and the three schools – Readfield Elementary – RSU # 38 – Kents Hill Preparatory School
- Develop plans for a Readfield Community Center

Strategic and Collaborative Governance:

- Support expansion of the Readfield volunteer fire department
- Promote expansion of emergency response services that will be able to meet the needs of a growing and aging population
- Maintain fiscally responsible governance
- Maintain government transparency through website and publications
- Improve additional modes of communication with Readfield residents in addition to internet resources.