## What is Comprehensive Planning?



**The City of Bedford** is updating its Comprehensive and Downtown Revitalization Plan. Since the last plan adoption, Bedford has undertaken several transformative projects and seen many changes. An update is necessary to prepare and respond to new issues and emerging conditions.

Comprehensive planning is a process that identifies a community's priorities, goals, and action steps to achieve those goals through projects, policies, and other kinds of initiatives. The planning process is inclusive, engaging, and will jump start a dialogue about the direction the community want to head going forward. The result of a planning process is a comprehensive plan document, but the real benefit of the plan is the relationships and networks created through the planning process. These will ultimately be key in implementing the plan's projects and objectives by leveraging existing capacity within the community to have the most impact.

**Downtown Revitalization Plan** will mirror the larger city-wide comprehensive planning process but the priorities, goals, and action steps will be more tailored to the downtown's context.

## **Types of Plan Recommendations**

- Code revisions
- New government policies
- · Capital improvement projects
- Public art
- Trail extensions
- Local economic development initiatives





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