

Leland 2045

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Implementation Update

1st Quarter 2024-2025



Welcome to our first newsletter of the fiscal year highlighting some of the work Leland is doing to bring us closer to the goals and vision of our Comprehensive Plan, Leland 2045. You can find more on the [Leland 2045: Planning for Generations](#) webpage.

Protection for our Natural and Cultural Resources!

Updates within the Natural and Cultural Resources include Town Council adopting the Green Growth Network Framework Guide, a guiding policy document in collaboration with North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission that strengthen the environmental integrity of the greater Leland area, which may be transferred into the Town's ordinances through text amendments.



The Public Works Department completed the replacement of the former boardwalk at Cypress Cove Park. The replacement occurred on the deteriorating wood on the boardwalk, handrails, and the observation deck, providing residents with a safer deck to access and observe Mill Creek.

Livable Neighborhoods Accommodating Growth!

The Livable, Diverse, and Connected Neighborhoods theme had two exciting updates! The following happenings occurred during this quarter:

The final report for the Leland Resilient Routes project has been published. This report identifies the resilient routes throughout the Town, including the modeling and design of the top locations. This work will support future grant opportunities to enhance resiliency throughout the Town of Leland.



The Town was awarded a grant from the NC Division of Public Health, which aims to promote physical activity as a mode of transportation, specifically through bicycling and rolling (i.e. wheelchair or other wheeled devices). This grant will allow for the installation of a public work stand in Founders Park to fix problems with bicycles, promoting cycling and improve community mobility.

A Resilient and Stable Economy!

There were multiple things to report on within the quarter for this theme!

The State Treasurer's Local Government Commission approved up to \$13.5 million in bonds for the Leland Town Hall expansion project. The Town received Aa1 initial user rating and an Aa2 for its Limited Obligation Bonds related to this project.

Also within this quarter, Leland Town Council approved a \$50 million budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at its regular meeting in May. The budget will guide the Town's spending across all departments from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Inclusivity, Health, and Safety!

Several things occurred that are related to the Inclusive, Supported, Healthy, Safe, and Educated Community theme. Those updates include:



Town staff created and unveiled the inaugural Town of Leland Hurricane Guide, a crucial resource aimed at helping residents prepare for and respond to hurricanes. Also within this quarter, Emergency Management staff hosted the annual Hurricane Expo to help prepare residents for the 2024 Hurricane Season.

The Town completed the Age-Friendly Community Strategic Plan, which is a plan in collaboration with AARP to create a more age-friendly community.

Lastly, all staff within the Leland Police Department completed Incident Command training to enable any officer to establish and fulfill the role of incident commander at an expanding incident.

The Key is Infrastructure!

The Safe Streets 4 All project continues to progress. The project moved into the public outreach phase, which included opening an interactive input map, survey, community workshop, and placement of informational materials at various locations within Leland.

Planning staff, with the selected consultants Kittelson & Associates, held the kick-off meeting for the Integrated Mobility Plan, which seeks to consolidate transportation projects within existing plans into one master plan.

In May, drainage improvements to Mallory Creek Drive from Pine Cover Drive to Blue Spruce Way, an area prone to roadway flooding, were completed.

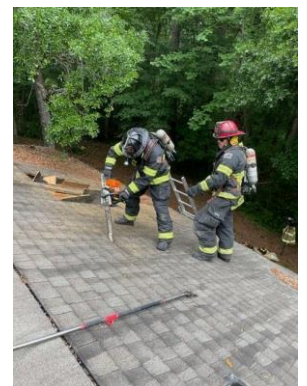


Lastly, the Town was awarded a \$1 million Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund grant from North Carolina Emergency Management to fund the replacement of the existing undersized cross pipe on Old Fayetteville Road near Scorpion Drive with a larger, reinforced box culvert to prevent future flooding on a critical route in Leland.

Cooperating in the Region!

There were two updates that occurred within the Cooperative Region theme.

Leland Fire/Rescue conducted truck company operations and hoseline advancement training with firefighters from Calabash, Horry County, Sunset Beach, and Ocean Isle Beach.



The relocation of the South Navassa Sewer Pump Station, a project in coordination with H2Go, has moved into the review process by FEMA for Environmental & Historic Preservation considerations.

Our Planning Themes



HIGHLY VALUED AND PROTECTED NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Leland's natural resources are fundamental to our lifestyle, economy, well-being, and resilience. Protecting and maintaining its health and ecological function are a primary objective within planning for growth.



LIVABLE, DIVERSE, AND CONNECTED NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ACCOMMODATE GROWTH

Leland's neighborhoods and communities promote connectivity, sense of place, character, and quality of life. This is done by providing walkable and bikeable places for living, working, shopping, recreation, and interacting for diverse age groups, income levels, and abilities.



A RESILIENT AND STABLE ECONOMY

Leland has the programs, plans, strategies, and a workforce that is prepared to capitalize on regional opportunities that diversify and expand its tax base and stabilize its vulnerability to economic cycles.



AN INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTED, HEALTHY, SAFE, AND EDUCATED COMMUNITY

Public health, safety, and education are valued and provided for with access to housing choices, high quality schools, libraries, healthy foods, parks and recreation, health care, safe neighborhoods, art, and culture.



INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY LIFE

Leland plans and provides for efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly infrastructure service, walking and biking, safe and complete streets, and opportunities for potential future transit connectivity.



AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN A COOPERATIVE REGION

Leland's plans and the plans of adjacent jurisdictions complement each other's vision, goals, and opportunities for success. We collaborate with our neighbors to elevate both Leland and the region.

Our Vision

Leland is prosperous, inclusive, and resilient. It is a healthy, safe, equitable, and accessible community built upon our strong values for the natural environment; inclusivity; walking and biking; social, economic, and physical connectivity; the quality of our neighborhoods; access to services, facilities, and places to gather; and the unique image and sense of place we have nurtured together as a community.

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