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BUSINESS DISTRICT HAMLET PLANS TO BECOME PART OF EAST HAMPTON TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Town board takes final vote to adopt plans following Suffolk County Planning Commission approval

Individualized hamlet plans, developed over multi-year public process, will guide future of central/business districts of Wainscott, East Hampton, Springs, Amagansett, Montauk

The hamlet plans address ways to shape future hamlet center development to create dynamic, walkable hamlet centers, while preserving open space, natural resources, and the unique character of each hamlet.

The Town's comprehensive plan called for an evaluation of the Town's ability and desire to meet future commercial needs, and for the development of detailed plans for commercial areas.

Hamlet and business studies for each area were conducted by consultants for the town: Dodson & Flinker; Lisa Liquori of Fine Arts and Sciences, a former town planning director; RKG Associates, and McLean Associates.

Draft hamlet plans were developed following public participation and input at numerous charettes, workshops, and meetings, and finalized beginning in mid-2019.

"Community response and comments shaped these plans and I am proud that East Hampton has, once again, been in the forefront of thoughtful planning and protection of our quaint hamlets," said East Hampton Town Councilwoman Sylvia Overby, who oversaw the hamlet study and planning process.

"Adoption of the hamlet and business studies into East Hampton's Comprehensive Plan will help protect the unique character of our hamlets and our quality of life," said East Hampton

Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc, who initiated the first study as Town Board liaison at the request of the Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee. Former Supervisor Larry Cantwell, upon being elected Supervisor, expanded the effort to all five hamlets.

The final hamlet reports are posted on the East Hampton Town website, at <https://ehamptonny.gov/367/Hamlet-Study>