## TOWN OF LYMAN

# COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH PLAN SURVEY

We're seeking your input. Please take a moment to read the following and participate in our survey

# WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A CP is a roadmap that describes the town's vision for what it hopes to become or retain over a period of time, typically a decade. Topics addressed in a CP generally include housing needs, economic opportunity, open spaces and natural resources, historic and cultural resources, transportation, and future land use.

Maine state law establishes standards for CPS. This provides statewide consistency while allowing communities flexibility to address their own specific needs. An updated CP will also assist in revising the Town's Zoning Ordinances to meet State and Local requirements

The Town of Lyman has a CP which was approved in October 2019. Much of the detailed data (demographic, economic, housing, land use, fiscal, transportation, etc.) is based on outdated information. The CP Committee will work with local entities in gathering updated data that will aide in the revision process of the CP. Your participation and feedback will also help.

### TAKE THE SURVEY SCAN THE QR CODE



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# WHY SHOULD LYMAN UPDATE ITS CP?

#### **Increased Funding Eligibility**

Having a State-approved CP increases the number of grants and programs available to the Town

### **Potential for Reduced Property Tax Burden**

More opportunities for state and federal grants could reduce the amount of property tax dollars that must be raised for municipal projects.

#### **Maximize Local Control**

Under state law, towns that have state-compliant CP in place have more control over how state agencies can undertake projects within the town.

#### **Community Vision and Priorities**

Developing a shared vision for a community is a worthwhile exercise that can help reframe priorities for the town government.

### IS A CP BINDING?

No. A CP is a planning document that describes, in general terms, a vision. Any binding implementation of an element of the CP would be adopted through an ordinance, which would require approval by Lyman voters.

