



New Hope Borough
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
A BRIDGE TO 2035

New Hope Borough Comprehensive Plan

PROCESS STATUS UPDATE

PRESENTED TO BOROUGH COUNCIL

FEB 2, 2026

Purpose of Tonight's Update

- Provide a brief status update on the Comprehensive Plan process
- Summarize resident engagement to date
- Share high-level themes emerging from community input
- Preview next steps and timeline moving forward

Resident Engagement Summary

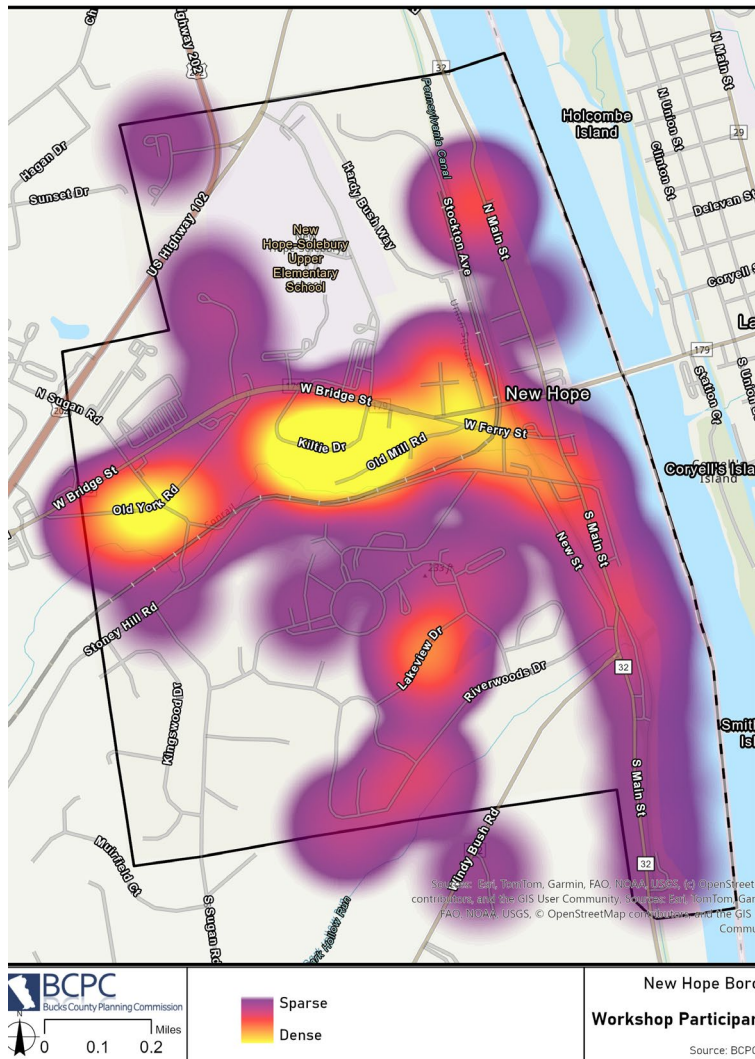


➤ Five resident workshops; **136 total participants**

- Workshop 1: 40
- Workshop 2A: 32
- Workshop 2B: 24
- Workshop 3A: 18
- Workshop 3B: 22

Borough-Wide Participation

- Residents participated from across the borough
- Engagement was not limited to a single neighborhood or interest group
- Participation heat map illustrates geographic distribution of input



Workshops 3A / 3B: Focus Areas

- Historic Preservation
- Business Development & Tourism
- Access to Open Space & Outdoor Environment
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
- Traffic & Parking Management
- Planning for a Changing Climate
- Growth Management & Affordability

What We're Hearing So Far

- Need to balance preservation goals with homeowner flexibility
- Concerns about enforcement of existing regulations
- Strong focus on mobility, pedestrian safety, and e-bikes
- Climate resilience viewed as integral to all planning decisions
- Interest in creative reuse of underutilized sites and spaces

Key Areas of Tension

- Historic preservation versus homeowner flexibility
- E-bike restrictions versus infrastructure accommodation
- Tourism economy versus resident quality of life
- Affordable housing goals versus small-town character
- Local priorities versus regional coordination realities

Additional Milestones

- Business survey launched and distributed to all borough businesses
- Responses being collected over the next month
- Comprehensive Plan drafting is underway
- Draft plan anticipated this spring

What's Next

- **Winter:** Continue drafting and analyze business survey responses
- **Spring:** Release draft plan and conduct Borough and public review
- **Following:** Revisions and adoption process