



Welcome to our second 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!

As part of the [NC Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program \(StRAP\)](#), the Town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$258,429 which will be used for the project. The Town has identified three streams within Town limits that have significant impairment from vegetative debris and have the potential to cause flood situations in adjacent areas. These sections of stream total approximately 8,657 linear feet and encompass areas of Jackeys Creek, Mill Creek, and Sturgeon Creek.

The Town of Leland also zoned approximately 777 acres into the Conservation District which was established to give the highest priority to the protection, restoration, and management of valuable areas.



Connecting Our Neighborhoods!

As a part of the growth experienced over the last three months, the Town zoned approximately 68 acres into FlexCode zoning. This zone intends to provide meaningful choices in living arrangements as manifested by distinct physical environments and embed civic, institutional, and commercial activity within town and neighborhood centers.

The Town also unveiled a [new 18-panel StoryWalk at Westgate Nature Park](#) designed to encourage movement, reading, and creativity. Each panel features a page from a children's book along the 0.3-mile trail in which patrons can visit and read the full story.



Supporting Our Resilient Economy!

From November to February, the Town of Leland annexed approximately 2,142 acres into the municipality for conservation, residential, and commercial land uses.

Additionally, the Town has adopted a Public Art Policy which enhances public spaces by way of the inclusion of public art. Two art programs have also received funding for a total of \$2,700 towards new initiatives.

Inclusivity, Health, and Safety!

In January, Public Safety hosted a 2-day Incident Management Team (IMT) course for designated members of Town staff who will be assembled to assist with managing any large man-made or natural disaster or emergency. The course consisted of a full day of instruction and a second full day conducting a functional disaster exercise.



The Leland Police Department's Community Engagement staff conducted several public education, engagement, and benefit events recently, including Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, Christmas with a Cop, and along with Leland Fire/Rescue and the Brunswick Family Assistance Pack the Patrol Car to benefit local children and families in need during the holiday season.

The Key is Infrastructure!

With the opening of Fire Station 53 in 2022, the Fire Department's response times are continuing to improve. By the end of 2022, the first fire unit with three personnel arrived within 9 minutes from the time of dispatch 78% of the time. This is a 12% improvement from 2021, and it continues to improve.

Completed the project to extend Olde Waterford Way from Palm Ridge Drive to Olde Regent Way. This road extension will alleviate traffic congestion along existing Olde Waterford Way and areas within Waterford.



The Town of Leland has been awarded funding through the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) to survey and design a grading plan to improve the frequent flooding of Mallory Creek Drive. As of January, the engineer has completed the design of the drainage plan for the project area.

Cooperating in the Region!

Approved a resolution supporting the WMPO's application to the Integrated Mobility Division Feasibility Study Grant Program for complete a feasibility study for a multi-use path along the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor.

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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