

## THE VISION

A VISION STATEMENT ISN'T ABOUT WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS TODAY BUT INSTEAD, IT IS ABOUT WHAT THE TOWN WANTS TO DO OR BECOME IN THE FUTURE.

New Amsterdam is a **welcoming community** that both celebrates its seclusion and invites others to enjoy what the town has to offer. Residents and visitors can enjoy **access to quality recreational opportunities, scenic views, and small-town living.**

## BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE!

### PLACEMAKING

1. **Festivals and Events:** Bring the community together by establishing opportunities for local gatherings.
2. **Community Upkeep:** Foster local pride and encourage quality places by involving the community in beautification efforts.

### HISTORIC AND NATURAL ASSETS

1. **Preserve and Promote Local History:** Emphasize New Amsterdam's heritage by promoting historic events and preserving historic structures.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

1. **New Park:** Develop a new park that will serve as a destination for locals and visitors.
2. **Boat Ramp Improvements:** Repair and potentially enhance the local boat ramp.

### LAND USE

1. **Maintain and Restore Properties:** Enhance the visual appeal of private properties by encouraging property maintenance.
2. **Flood-Prone Properties:** Protect buildings in flood-prone areas to ensure the town continues to be a safe and enjoyable place to live.

### UTILITIES

1. **Expand Broadband:** Improve online access to basic services by supporting broadband improvements.
2. **Septic Maintenance:** Encourage regular maintenance of septic systems to protect water quality and ensure safe and effective treatment of wastewater.
3. **Street lighting:** Strengthen local safety and comfort with street lighting along key routes.
4. **Emergency Services:** Explore options for bolstering emergency response services.

### TRANSPORTATION

1. **Sidewalks:** Improve local mobility by filling gaps in the town's sidewalk network and expanding routes to priority destinations.
2. **Road Maintenance:** Repair existing roadways to preserve safe and comfortable travel throughout the town.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. **Access to essential items:** Improve access to basic goods and services through different retail options.

