

Vision Statement

Brooksville is a rural, coastal town, almost entirely surrounded by water, located about a half an hour's drive from US Route 1, the main coastal route. These geographical factors, along with the appreciation that residents have for the town's quality of life, have thus far protected Brooksville from the kind of development that has increasingly compromised the rural and scenic qualities of some of the more accessible communities along the Maine coast.

The majority of Brooksville residents favor maintaining the rural and scenic qualities of our town. Fending off inappropriate development while encouraging the kind of development that is consistent with what residents' value, will be one of our major challenges in the next ten years. Effectively addressing the threats posed by climate change is our other major challenge.

To encourage the kind of development that residents want, we need to have affordable housing to attract more young families to the area and keep those we have. We also need to find better ways to comfortably and affordably accommodate our older residents. We need high speed broadband to encourage entrepreneurs and others who depend on fast internet to settle here. At the same time we need to educate ourselves and communicate with one another in order to find the best and least restrictive ways to maintain our rural and scenic nature, and our public access to open spaces, fresh-water and salt-water resources.

To address the threats of climate change we need to identify the vulnerable parts of our infrastructure, our agricultural and forestry resources and our archaeological treasures, and we need to plan ahead to upgrade or otherwise protect them as needed. We also need to do our part in reducing global warming by being as energy efficient as possible and by increasing our use of renewable energy sources where feasible.

If we succeed in finding effective ways to encourage growth and economic initiatives, while also developing the best and least restrictive means to protect ourselves from its possible negative effects, and if we anticipate the undesirable effects of climate change and take the necessary protective measures, Brooksville can expect to remain the delightful and desirable place to live that it is now, for the foreseeable future.