

overview

SUSTAINABLE LONG ISLAND IS THE ORGANIZATION TO RETHINK, REBUILD AND RENEW THE PRECIOUS ISLAND THAT SERVES AS HOME TO NEARLY THREE MILLION PEOPLE. WE WORK WITH COMMUNITIES AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT SAFEGUARDS THE ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASES OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY LONG ISLANDER, NOW AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Over the last 50 years, our communities were built and have matured without adequate planning, leaving an aftermath of suburban sprawl, fragmented transportation systems, depleting natural resources, segregated neighborhoods and schools, and deteriorating downtowns.

To address these needs, Sustainable Long Island promotes sustainable development—community and regional planning that integrates current and future needs for:

- Economic Growth: the need for vibrant downtowns, jobs and a thriving economy
- Environmental Health: the need to use our resources in a way that does not cause harm to our health or the environment
- Social Equity: the need to create opportunities for all Long Island communities, including those of color

Sustainable Long Island builds partnerships with individuals and organizations to address planning issues that impact our current and future quality of life, such as:

- Land use and redevelopment
- Business development
- Transportation choices
- Downtown revitalization
- Natural resource consumption
- Housing options

From the bottom-up, we work with the people who live in our neighborhoods—residents of all ages, community leaders and clergy—coming together over shared concern for their community to develop new solutions. From the top-down, we work with public officials and other leaders to change policy and identify resources at the village, town, county and state levels to achieve those solutions.

Sustainable Long Island is the go-to organization for the implementation of sustainable development, education, technical assistance, and planning advocacy.

There are three components to our work:

- Community Planning: working with communities to create a community revitalization plan
- Sustainable Development Implementation: providing resources and technical assistance for real estate and business development
- Sustainable Development Advocacy: advancing and promoting policy to support sustainable development and community and regional planning

