

Stamford Town Plan Update

Goals, Timeline, and Community Engagement



March 9, 2026



Project Goals



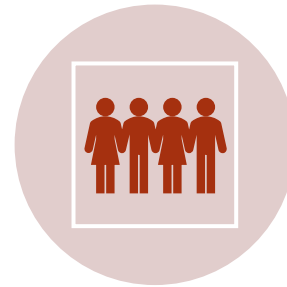
Develop a cohesive roadmap for the future of Stamford informed by resident input



Address new state requirements



Establish a foundation for future zoning bylaw updates



Identify community and economic development opportunities in the designated village center



Project Timeline

Task 1. Data Collection	February – April 2026
Task 2. Devise Engagement Program	February – April 2026
Task 3. Kick-off Meeting	April 2026
Task 4. Survey	May – July 2026
Task 5. Community Visioning Meeting	June – July 2026
Task 6. Public Walking Tour	May – June 2026
Task 7. Student Engagement Activity	May 2026
Task 8. Preparation of Findings	July – August 2026
Task 9. Presentation of Findings	September 2026
Task 10. Draft Plan	September – December 2026
Task 11. Present Draft Plan	January 2027
Task 12. Finalize Plan	February – March 2027



Engagement Tells Us...

Who lives, works, and plays in Stamford? What issues are on their minds?



What are Stamford's strengths and challenges?
What do people want for the future of Stamford?



How do we create a plan that is reflective of the entire community?



Survey



Launch in May

Paper copies and online version



Distribute surveys to various locations and organizations around Stamford.

Where would you like to see the survey distributed in town?



Stamford Walking Tour



Saturday in mid-May or early June, morning/midday, could also be weekday afternoon.



Focus on designated village center; highlight place-based assets such as historic and scenic features; engage people in identifying areas of pride and concern

Potential partners?



Example: Walking tour of Pownal village center, June 2024



Community Visioning Meeting



Mid-June/early July, weeknight evening,
Location TBD (school gym?). Possible
collab with Stamford Resilience Fair?



Dynamic visioning and discussion-
based activity, voting/prioritization
activity to facilitate community
conversation, imagine the town's
future, and determine top priorities



Example: Manchester Village Community Visioning Meeting, June 2024



Student Engagement Activity



Stamford Elementary School students
Early/mid-May



This partnership will act as an educational tool to emphasize the importance of civic engagement



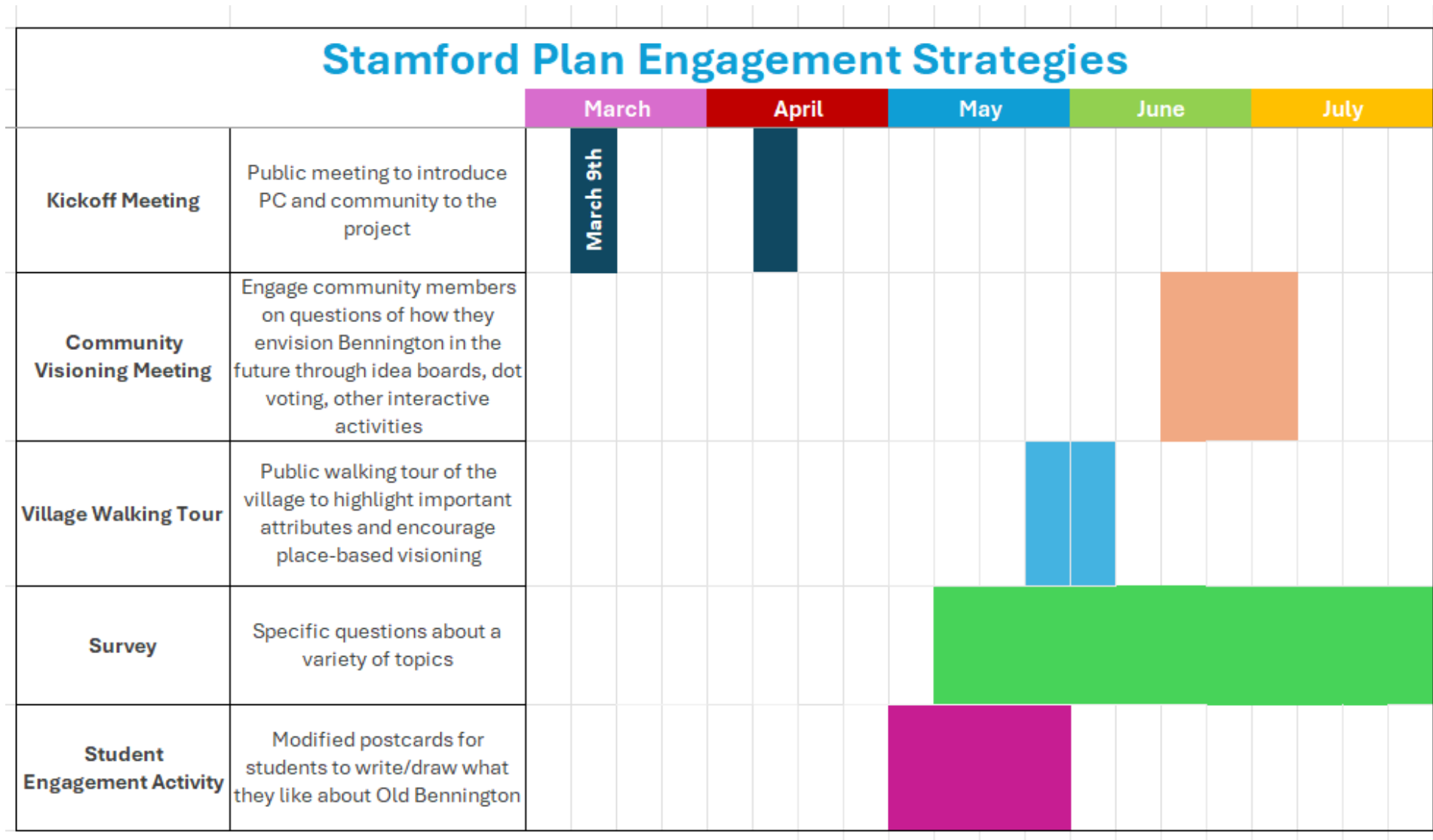
Better understand student hopes and wishes for the future of their community



Example: Postcard from an elementary school student in Bennington



Proposed Engagement Timeline



Questions for the Planning Commission



What are some of the most important issues in Stamford that we should be thinking about?



Public kickoff meeting at April PC meeting?



Input on dates/times for the community visioning meeting and walking tour.



Where should surveys and flyers be distributed in the community?



Potential partners for walking tour (i.e. local historical society, knowledgeable residents, etc.)



Thank you!



BCRC